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Of America

"Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church"

Official Call for the Sixteenth Biennial Convention

Church of the Redeemer, 19th & Grand Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 7, 8, 9, 1925

REPRESENTATION.

Any society of whatever name, connected with a congregation or institution of learning of the United Lutheran Church and District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership with representations as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District League to three delegates, and each State or Synodical organization to ten delegates. Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials. The credentials should be signed by the President and Secretary of each organization, whether State, District or Local League. Delegates will be asked to pay a REGISTRATION FEE of $1.00.

CREDENTIALS.

Credential blanks for delegates should be secured at once by State, District and Local Officers from the General Secretary. All credentials should be filled out in duplicate, one part being sent to the General Secretary and the other part retained by the delegate for presentation to the Credential Committee at Milwaukee. Uniform blank forms will be sent upon request. Credentials should be sent to the General Secretary not later than June 1.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Particulars as to program, train service, hotels and local arrangements will be found on other pages.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month relative to the Convention and after the Convention will publish a CONVENTION NUMBER containing full reports of the proceedings.

Subscriptions should be made now to secure the pre-Convention Number of the REVIEW and also the CONVENTION NUMBER.

The Wisconsin Hotel will be the Convention Headquarters. (See News Department.)

Arrange your vacation to include July 7, 8, 9, and spend it at Milwaukee.

By direction of the Executive Committee.

HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary,
707 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

CONVENTION SPECIAL TRAIN NEW YORK TO MILWAUKEE

Via the Pennsylvania Railroad & Chicago & Northwestern Railway

JULY 6th, 1925

Leave New York, Pennsylvania station	8.00 A.M.
Leave Newark, Park Place	8.08 A.M.
Arrive Philadelphia, Broad St. Station	10.00 A.M.
Leave Philadelphia, Broad St. Station	10:25 A.M.
Arrive Harrisburg	12.53 P.M.
Leave Washington, D. C.	7.45 A.M.
Leave Baltimore, Md.	8.55 A.M.
Arrive Harrisburg, Penna.	11.15 A.M.
Leave Harrisburg, Pa.	1.03 P.M.
Leave Pittsburgh, Pa.	9.00 P.M.

Stopping at all points in Ohio and Indiana.

JULY 7th, 1925

Arrive Chicago, Ill. (Union Station)	8.00 A.M.
Leave Chicago (C. & N. W.)	9.00 A.M. or 10.25 A.M.
Arrive Milwaukee, Wis.	11.10 A.M. or 12.30 P.M.

PULLMAN FARES TO CHICAGO

From	Lower Berth	Upper Berth	Compartment	Drawing Room	R.R. Fares on above train to Milwaukee
New York	$9.00	$7.20	$25.50	$31.50	$39.36
Newark	9.00	7.20	25.50	31.50	39.05
Philadelphia	8.25	6.60	23.25	30.00	34.92
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CONSULT THE GENERAL SECRETARY

THE MILWAUKEE CONVENTION ...PROGRAM...

THEME—CHRIST FIRST—COL. 1:18.

"And He is the head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREEMINENCE."

SEND YOUR CREDENTIALS NOW

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL JULY 7

Tuesday, July 7

1.00 P. M.—Conference of State and District Officers.
3.00 P. M.—Convention Business.
8.00 P. M.—Keynote Address: "Christ First."
9.30 P. M.—Reception.

Wednesday, July 8

9.30 A. M.—Devotions.
10.00 A. M.—EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Education."
Bible Study Methods.
Topic Study Methods.
Reading Course Methods.
11.00 A. M.—MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Missions."
Missionary Topics.
Missionary Methods.
A Missionary Objective.
2.00 P. M.—Devotions.
2.30 P. M.—LIFE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in Life Service."
Life Service Plans.
Life Service Methods.
3.30 P. M.—INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in the Intermediate Department."
The Intermediate Boy.
The Intermediate Girl.
Intermediate Methods.
7.00 P. M.—BANQUET.

Thursday, July 9

9.30 A. M.—Devotions.
10.00 A. M. — JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.
Address: "Christ First in the Junior Department."
Junior Plans and Methods.
Junior Demonstration.
2.00 P. M.—Devotions.
2.30 P. M.—Business.
4:30 P. M.—Sight Seeing Trip.
8.00 P. M.—Address: "Going Forward with Christ."
Pageant: "The Reply of Youth."

THE SPEAKERS:

The Revs. Bard, Beiber, Blackwelder, Hein, Ingvoldstadt, Jensen, Long, Portz, Roehner, Sundberg, Swank, Strock, Teufel, Traver, Zander, Messrs. Ettinger, Frey, Misses Mehlhouse, Nelson, Scherer, Sister Pearle Lyerly.

Why I Am Going to the Milwaukee Convention

As a local league worker I feel the need of coming in contact with fellow workers from all over the Church.

In my duties as a league leader I feel the need of a church-wide vision of what religious education is doing.

In the unsettled political, financial, social and religious conditions, I want to hear from the lips of leaders the details of applying the remedy of the Christian religion, especially the training of the young to our present needs.

I want to see the exhibit of league equipment, publications and requisites.

I want to learn all about the co-ordinating of the programs of the Junior League and the Light Brigade.

I want to see and hear the men and women who write for our league publications and whose topic expositions I have studied so long.

I want to watch our experts in children's work as they confer, instruct and demonstrate how we should do it.

I want to ask questions of those who are in charge of young people's work.

I want to discover how we can use to the best possible advantage the inadequate equipment which our church now has in doing young people's work.

I want to study the methods used in teaching mission and life service so as to make them an integral part of religious education.

I want to learn the most modern methods of league administration so as to help my league strive toward perfection in that phase of its work.

These are a few of the reasons why I am registering as a delegate to the Sixteenth Convention of the Luther League of America to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 7 to 9, 1925.

Why Send Delegates

It will give them a vision of the opportunities for service.

It will inspire them to do service in the home church.

It will show them what to do and how to do it.

It will bring a hundred fold returns to your church in interest and service.

It will guarantee future leadership in your church.

Advantages of Sending Full Quota of Delegates

It will insure team work at the convention.

It will insure team work on their return.

How to Get Delegates to Go

Attach great significance to being sent as a delegate.

Work up general interest before choice is made.

Determine all possible candidates.

Have them elected at a public meeting.

After this, concentrate your energies on them.

Depend principally on personal contact and persuasion.

Have delegates commit themselves by public statement.

Foresee all their possible hindrances and remove them.

Why Their Expenses Should Be Paid

Choicest delegates may then be sent regardless of their own ablity to pay expenses.

Delegates will make best use of time at convention.

They will feel obligated to do service on returning.

How This Money May Be Raised

Ask one or two wealthy church members for the entire amount.

Get the League to bear the expense from its treasury.

Get several persons to give one dollar each.

A Tremendous Responsibility Rests on You

You are helping choose the future leaders of your church.

The present world crisis demands your utmost efforts.

Give Your Pastor a Chance

The demands made upon the modern minister are both varied and intricate. He is supposed to be a specialist in practically every field connected with Church life.

He is driven at his task from day to day, seven days a week, with little opportunity for seasons of refreshing, either by way of knowledge or inspiration.

He must always be giving out knowledge and inspiration.

How valuable it would be for him and your entire church if the Luther League as a group of young people should decide to finance for him a trip, as well as for your delegate, to the convention.

What joy it would give him!

With what zeal and enthusiasm he would tackle your League problems on his return!

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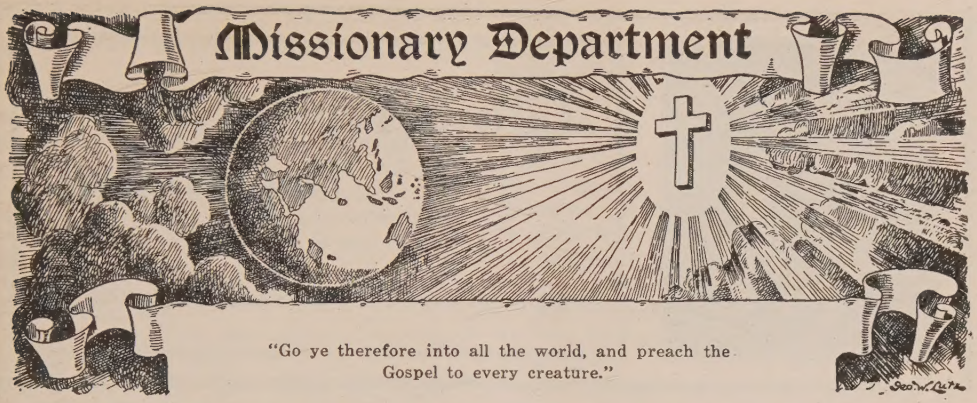

MISSIONARY REASONS FOR GOING TO MILWAUKEE

Had You Thought

How do you take your vacation? At the seashore? In New York? Out in the country? At home? Have you been thinking of attending the National League Convention in Milwaukee? Combine your vacation with the Convention. It makes an irresistible combination. Make your vacation of 1925 the best ever. You will have a fine chance to cross several of the best Mid-Western States, visit Chicago, see Lake Michigan and most of all catch the real meaning and spirit of the "LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA."

Two Blessings Many Vacationists Miss

Lots of busy folks who have just a few days for their yearly vacation go to some crowded place, or take a speedy trip. Such plans miss two real meanings of vacation: to learn more and make new friends.

Milwaukee Provides Both

You can learn something about the central part of America that possibly you never knew before. You can make real, new friends. Take it from the Missionary Secretary and you folks from the East and South turn your faces towards the Great Lakes during early July for your vacation this summer.

How to Get the Most Out of the Convention

Most folks are full of hope and happiness on vacation trips. Take all the ginger and enthusiasm you can steal from your home town and bring it to Milwaukee with a prayer on your lips, real Christian love in your heart and a smile on your face and you will have the finest trip and attend the greatest Convention you ever dreamed of.

The Big Program

You've been seeing in the Review glimpses of the program in store. The Missionary Secretary wants to emphasize especially the Missionary Reasons for Milwaukee. Did you ever wonder why and how the Student Volunteer Movement can hold the greatest conventions of young folks in North America or possibly the world? Everyone comes expecting great things. The finest Christian statesmen of the world are secured for speakers. The Convention is opened to a limited registration. All these are good answers. But there are other and more fundamental reasons. It is fundamentally a "Missionary Convention." The one theme, without any apology, is the presentation of the claims of Christ for young people of the finest character and talent to lay their lives on God's altar for "Life Service" in the Mission Fields of the world. God alone knows what these conventions have really meant. Thousands have responded.

The Greatest Purpose of the National Convention

The greatest purpose of the National Luther League Convention is to be the Student Volunteer Convention of our own Church. The addresses will be given for the one purpose of strengthening our consecration to our One Master and of holding before every delegate and visitor presenting the modern-day opportunity for full and part time Christian service.

Missions

The Missionary appeal at the Milwaukee Convention will be greater than at any other convention in the history of the Luther League of America. A missionary objective to be adopted will challenge every Leaguer in this country and win many young people in our Church who are not now actively interested in League work. The Missionary Secretary makes the prediction that there is no single item in the entire convention which will stir the delegates to higher enthusiasm than the definite Missionary appeal which will be presented.

Will You?

May be you will meet the Master anew and afresh at Milwaukee. May be you will

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Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Halt! Attention!

DISTRICT LIFE SERVICE SECRETARIES

Below we reproduce a letter sent out by Mr. John L. R. Schiding, 232 East Cottage Place, York, Pa. Mr. Schiding is Life Service Secretary of the York, Penna. District. In this letter which he sent to the Leagues of his District he gives a very definite outline of the Life Service plans as he wants them carried out. He gives some plans which are worthy the consideration of other Districts. This outline proves that this District President reads the Life Service Department of the REVIEW and does some thinking of his own. He believes in co-operation. Fall in line!

1. *Life Service Flag.*

We will furnish each Society with a small Christian flag to be hung in the room where the League meets. We ask you to send in the names and addresses of your members who are taking up Life Work and we in turn will send the stars to be put on the flag. We will also send them the District "Herald."

a. Gold Star—One who is studying for the ministry.

b. Silver Star—One who is studying for deaconess work.

c. Blue Star—One who is studying for other life work (missionary, nurse, doctor, etc.).

The District will also have a large Christian flag and will place the stars on as names are sent in. This will be at all our conferences and conventions so that our young people may see how many we have in our District who are taking up some definite life work.

2. *Names and Addresses.*

Fill out the cards and the names and addresses of the members of your League and Church who are going to high school, who are going to go to college or thinking about it, and send them to the secretary.

3. *Life Service Committee.*

If your League is large and too much work for just the Life Service Secretary, have your President appoint a committee which may be divided as follows: chairman, secretary, publicity, study class, special work, etc.

4. *Life Service Literature.*

We will mail you a copy of each kind and you can select what you need and we will be glad to furnish you with a sufficient quantity to hand out to your young people, as this is a good way to show them the need of our Church and her work.

5. *Life Service Day.*

a. Life Service Day will always be held about the third Sunday in February. May we have every society observe this every year.

b. Plan this service with your Pastor and church council.

c. Organize your young people into a study group and take up one of the following books: "Guide Posts to Life Work" (Fleming), "What Shall I Do With My Life?" (Donnelly).

d. A pageant on Life Service or an address on Life Service, making an appeal for decisions, using the decision cards, may be given.

e. Pageant, posters, special literature and decision cards may be secured from Rev. C. S. Bauslin, D.D., 213 Evangelical Bldg.

6. *Luther League Review.*

Every Life Service secretary should get the REVIEW and read every word in the Life Service Department; read one of the books on Life Work (we have them) and read more of the only Book—the Bible.

7. *Have You? Do You?*

Have you and the committee offered their personal service to your Pastor on the work of winning souls to Christ? Has your League offered its service also? How many

persons have you or the League won for Christ? (Shall we stand before Him empty-handed?)

Do you, do the members of your League pray for our young people that they may see the field white unto the harvest and catch the vision of Jesus Christ and hear Him when he calls them to life work. Like these men of old, have they said with them:

"Lord, what will Thou have me to do?" (St. Paul) Acts 9:6.

"Then said I, 'Here am I, send me.'" (Isaiah) Isa. 6:8.

"Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." (Samuel) I Sam. 3:10.

"Not my will, but thine be done." (Christ) Luke 22:42.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and Man." Luke 2:52.

Summer Schools

While not every one is able to have an extensive vacation during the summer, a change of scenery is possible if plans are made wisely. Whatever else may or may not be planned, every League should plan to have respresentatives at one of our Lutheran Summer Schools for Church Workers. These schools should prove to be "rejuvenating stations" for body, mind and soul. They help to develop real leaders, and these we need most urgently. Leagues will do well to raise sufficient cash to send delegates with the express charge that they bring back something worth while.

We have heard some young people offer the criticism that certain of our schools offer little of interest to our youth. If so, it is up to the League leaders to *demand attention* and a *worth while part.* You usually get what you go after if you go after it strong enough.

The Epworth League has demonstrated most forcibly the value of such schools. The League Institute began in 1906 when forty young people met at Des Plaines, Illinois. Since then the Institute movement has grown by leaps and bounds, and notice the magnificent results achieved during the years. Study the following figures, then think what we Lutheran young people also might do if we were really organized and pushing our Summer Schools.

Year	Institute	Registration	Life Service Decisions
1919.....	58	16,238	2,000
1920.....	75	20,546	2,819
1921.....	87	23,642	3,478
1922.....	107	26,524	2,279
1923.....	123	27,811	2,193
1924.....	128	30,356	2,384

This year there will be 136 Institutes, with a larger attendance and no doubt larger results.

These facts represent a challenge to our State League presidents and secretaries to bring our own possibilities most forcibly before our Church leaders.

What Are You Living For?

Under the above caption the editor of *The People's Popular Monthly* writes the following editorial. It is most encouraging to sense the fact that more and more leaders are being raised up who are pointing us to the "real purpose" for our being alive.

"Ask the next ten people you meet, 'What are you living for?' The answers will surprise you.

"The Editor did this the other day and here are the ten answers:

"'To get ahead.'

"'To get well.'

"'To do something worth while.'

"'For my family, I have to.'

"'To raise my family.'

"'To educate my family.'

"'To provide for the future of myself and family.'

"'Happiness.'

"'To make my wife happy.'

"'To make things look a little better.'

"These answers were all given promptly without time for consideration and show what was uppermost in each person's mind.

"It doesn't take a philosopher to analyze these answers and discover that many people are going through life just 'Easin' By.'

"What are *you* living for?

"Ask yourself that question and answer it honestly, then take time to think this proposition through and decide if you are satisfied to go on through life without a definite life purpose."

"It is quite evident that we are prone to selfish lives. The people whose answers are quoted above, exactly as given, are all honest, hard working men and women. They are considerably above the average in intelligence and character. The ages varied from twenty-four to fifty years.

"Why is it that we do not stop long enough to choose a definite policy of living? Perhaps it is worth while for each one of us to give a little earnest thought as to whether we are living to the best advantage. Most people want to do right, but a definite purpose is necessary if one is to travel steadily on a straight line to accomplish that purpose.

"The Creator gives each human being some special talent and desires him to make the best use of that talent.

"It seems reasonable to think that we are put here on this earth to be a good neighbor to those around us and to leave the world a little better because of our having been here."

Methods

(*Continued from last Month*)

The Church must be portrayed as a worthy institution, and worship as a dignified performance. Christ must be shown to be the manliest of men, and not an effeminate, by any means. He "grew in stature and wisdom, and in favor with God and *men*." Devotion to the Master is therefore the first aim of the League.

We want allegiance, both to the League and the Church. We will put Christ ever as our Hero. No cause can ever succeed unless we love Him, whom we serve. We will then want to know what He did, and what He wants us to do for Him.

By the "pledge," we promise to read His Word daily. The Bible must be shown to be the Book of Books. From every standpoint it meets the wants of man. John Ruskin got his literary style from the Bible. Mr. Roosevelt, on being asked who was the greatest hero of the Old Testament, said: "Great Heart," then explaining himself. It was Caleb. When Benjamin Franklin was in Paris, he was invited to a club where extracts were read as the amusement of the evening. When asked to read, he chose the book of Esther. When he had finished all were delighted and inquired where such a wonderful story could be found and were surprised when told it was in the Bible. David said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." "When I mused the fire burned," is stated also.

Bible reading is too grossly neglected by all. Youth is the best time to clinch these truths upon the mind, for the young mind is the more plastic.

Prayer is another requisite to devotion. "He that cometh to God must believe that He *is*, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." "Prayer is the Christian's vital breath." We are to become familiar with the approach to our Father's throne before we teach others to pray. We need to develop our young into praying. There are too few in our churches who can pray in public. The League is the place to cultivate this. Neither do we want "prayer machines," or for any one to pray formally, or by rote. It is to be "the earnest, effectual prayer that will avail much." When the Bible reading habit has been acquired, and the prayer spirit cultivated, we are ready to participate in the public meeting. We want to take part, by saying a word when the opportunity comes, or making a sentence prayer, if no more. It will help the individual himself and will stimulate others.

The stagnant stream is the idle stream, the tired foot of the potter is the inert one, the deformed hand grows from non-use, the dead member is the inactive member. There is a boomerang thrown when we work in the League.

People want to be with people. Companionship counts. John learned to lean on the breast of the Master. Christ chose the disciples for one reason, "That they might be with Him." Consecrated young people may draw other young people into the Church through the League.

2. This brings us to our second heading, "What is the specific work of the League?"

Education

Education of mind, soul and body. "The League is a Link in the Life of the Church." Body, mind and soul are inseparably bound together, and the education of each leads to the development of the whole physical body, and organic body as well. Education is "a leading out," a development which is acquired by exercise and activity.

We are living in an energetic age, but skepticism and doubt are playing havoc in some quarters. Our Church, which stands for education, must not lesson her grip on the young. We are to think, but think correctly. The mind must be trained to think by wholesome exercise.

Paul says, "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is true." Christ told the Pharisees, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they *are* they which testify of me." They had perverted the meaning because they had not read correctly. Paul said again, "In mind be men." The Church has a glorious opportunity to teach the young to study the Bible in the League.

"No one is truly educated who has not developed his religious nature," says one.

And Herbert Spencer asserted, "To prepare us to complete living is the function which education has to discharge."

Life is a wonderful pattern which we must work out. Henly says, "I am the master of my fate, and the captain of my soul."

Much of the modern literature is detrimental to the young mind, and we are to guard against it. The Church does provide catechization for the young, but it is limited at best, and the period for study is conditioned on many things. But the League can supply a continuous and longer study of the Bible and its doctrines.

Sometimes it is argued that it does not matter what one believes so long as he is sincere in his belief. But this is untrue. The stream is colored by the clay of its banks, the texture of the silk is conditioned on the kind of leaves on which the silkworm feeds, and the child's life will be shaped by what it is taught. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." It is the pure, unadulterated word that must be given.

"The just shall live by faith," stands ever true. Not emotionalism, nor heterodox belief will stimulate the soul.

The word Pontiff is suggestive, for the ecclesiastical head is a "Bridge Builder," as the Church is to lead from earth to heaven, and we are to help the wayward and innocent feet over the chasm of life. There are these successive boats of the Church on which the passage is made.

Missions form an interesting study, when we learn the manners, customs and geography of the nations to whom we send our laborers. We can trace with profit the journeys of Paul, and the times in which he lived and make the study facinating.

A reading of "Hypatia" by Kingsley gives us a key to gnosticism of which Paul speaks, and other secular reading bears on historical, religious history. It is good exercise for the mind.

The social side of a person's nature is met in the League, and every one needs some "play life," or life would be monotonous.

The body needs good physical exercise, for a sound body needs to help a sound mind. Christ was physically perfect, because His life was clean. He worked in Joseph's shop and mingled with his townsmen of Nazareth.

We need good, healthy sports for our boys and girls. The Church has lacked in this in the past. It has denounced many amusements without providing innocent ones. In the League we have the opportunity to give our young people recreation and pleasure, and if we do not get them they will seek them in illegitimate ways.

Too many "don'ts" fret and drive away. If you tell a child to give up a pointed knife with which it is playing, it is slow to do so, but if you give it candy instead you may take away the knife without a murmur.

The social meeting should be *social.* That is, it should not be a formal one. It is the time for getting acquainted and making every one feel welcome. At a church service you cannot have the time for much conversation and handshaking. Fossilized Christianity will not win the world.

Pleasure then must be defined for it is a variable term. What it takes to give one amusement, does not give another amusement. The Church should strive to give wholesome recreation and amusement. The right kind of pleasure must be shown to the young.

Sometimes the older members of the Church do not interest themselves enough in the activities of the young, nor do they give as much attention to the work of the League as they should, either by their presence or by their means. Money might well be expended on the pleasure of the young through the efforts of the League.

The program are well gotten up, very interesting, and well worth while attending by the older members of the Church. Yet sometimes they say: "It is just a League meeting." They forget it is a part of the work of the Church," a link in the chain of church activities.

The debates can be made a source of much profit to all who come. Only the president should acquaint himself with both sides of the subject so as to give an epitome of the debate at its conclusion and correct any wrong impressions that might be culled from the "wrong" side.

As a preliminary step we come to the Junior League. It needs especial care. Children are imitative, emulative and active and want to be brought up with the League in mind as an objective. As Promotion Day in Sunday School means so much, so the rise from one department to the other in the League means more.

By training the little ones in the Junior and Intermediate Departments, they are ready for the Senior League. It is easier to get the young people to take part in the League when they have been trained through the primary agencies than to take a boy or girl as a raw recruit into service. Little children will want to do what larger ones do.

We think of Samuel as he grew up in the service of the temple under Eli. He was tutored in God's work and never departed from it. We also remember what Paul said of Timothy: "From a child hast thou known the Scriptures."

Napoleon showed early his tendencies for military life, when he would make soldiers out of sticks and manœuvre them in the sand. If this tendency to religion is in children we should never have a "let-up." Then what a wonderful active Church we would have!

A police captain of New York City said: "In twenty-five years I have never had a woman or man brought before me for trial that I did not ask the question, 'Have you attended Sunday School?' Not one had attended regularly. If I could get the parents of America to keep their children in Sunday School regularly until fifteen years of age, I believe they could be saved." If this is true of the Sunday School what could we say of the League?

Prof. Emile de Lavelage of Belgium said: "The Sunday School is one of the strongest foundations of the republican institutions in the United States." Again, if so, what of the Church if the institutions for the religious training of the young were recognized as they should be.

In the Intermediate work we come to the "Teen Age," which is the hardest to control of all the ages. As the Rev. A. T. Michler says in his tract on this subject: "This is the most delicate to handle, and yet one of the most important for it is at this age that the young people are led away from the Church."

It is the giddy age, when they are unstable and may choose the wrong companions, or conceive the false ideas of life. It is the time of transition from boyhood to manhood, when he opines to give his views of things and assert himself defiantly with, "*I* think so and so."

It is the sentimental age when he thinks of mating, and breaking away from home and all family traditions. He wants to assert his independence and declare for himself his rights.

All of this would be well enough if it is held in check. We do not want them to stay in their puerile stage, but launch out on sane lines. It is the adventurous age as well, and they are to be encouraged to read wholesome books on adventure and on explorations.

Let them feel their freedom and express their opinions, but correct them if they are wrong.

James Oppenheim wrote a pretty piece of literature called "The Slave."

"They set the slave free, striking off his chains—
Then he was as much a slave as ever.
He was still chained to servility,
He was manacled to indolence and sloth,
He was still bound by fear and superstition,
By ignorance, superstition and savagery—
His slavery was not in chains, but in himself."

Christ said: "The truth shall make you free."

We want to know the truth—about ourselves, about life, about salvation. We want to cultivate the spirit of laudable independence in the youth.

Organization counts. Harry Hodges says: "Organization is not an end in itself, but a means to an end."

We have the machinery in splendid shape, and it remains to be operated and manned with officers, leaders, committees and working force.

The pastor has a general oversight and must take an active interest in the work for it is a part of his work, but he is not to monopolize and take the initiative out of the members. Let them do their parts themselves.

We have the literature well prepared for the work, and every detail outlined for an effective program. We need then the hearty co-operation of all the Church, for it is the church work among the young people.

REASONS FOR GOING TO CONVENTION

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It only takes one of you to start such a movement.

Nominate yourself as that one, interest a few others and go right at it. It will be one of the wisest investments that you ever had a part in.

Don't wait to let your inclination dwindle into inaction.

This is YOUR opportunity to help your pastor give greater service to you all.

MISSIONARY REASONS

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find yourself on the shores of Lake Michigan. May be you will win some Christian friends in that famous old city which will bless your life forever. May be our Church's place in God's Kingdom, as seen in the faces of hundreds of her best young people, will be clearer in your mind and closer to your heart than ever. Make a bit of prayer before you say "No" to the call of Milwaukee from July 7 to 9 this year. Will you?

A DENTIST'S EPITAPH

View this grave with gravity,
He's filling his last cavity.
—*Illinois Wesleyan Argus.*

The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

Building a Social

There are many books which give you stereotype socials.

You can also build up for yourself clever and unusual socials best suited to your own needs.

You can use the games printed in books, and by changing their names and giving them little twists and turns, you can make them fit into the plan of your own social.

All the clever people do not write books, and a good social leader can devise some unique socials which will be more fun than the usual ones found in books.

As an example, take an Indian Social.

In a similar way, a social for any occasion, or on any theme could be built up.

An Indian Social

Can be made an outdoor or indoor social.

If outdoors, the woods form a natural setting for a camp-fire.

If indoors, create an Indian atmosphere.

Decorate with Indian blankets, Indian head-dresses borrowed from the Juniors, Indian baskets and pottery.

A camp-fire can be made of electric bulbs, red paper and sticks of wood.

Plan first a "get-acquainted" game.

The first thing in any social is to get the group together, and break up cliques.

For the opening of the Indian Social—have hidden about the room white arrows and white bears cut from paper. At a given signal all must hunt until they find one of these, and then all are lined up on two sides—The Flying Arrows and the White Bears—and are thus styled for all the contests.

Then start the fun with a lively game.

Every body likes races—so have a relay—but give it an appropriate Indian name, and use appropriate articles.

Have a basket of corn, line up the Arrows and the Bears—let each in turn run to the basket and get an ear of corn and pass it to next in line, who runs forward, and puts it in basket, and then runs back and touches the next in line, who runs forward and gets an ear, etc. The side to have an ear of corn at the end of the line first wins. Call this a Maize Marathon. (This is just the regular old Relay Race worked over!)

Next have a Scalp Hunt. This is nothing more than the old Treasure Hunt which can be found in any book of games. Have hidden somewhere in the building an Indian headdress. Let the Arrows and the Bears start on the trail. The side first to find it wins. If this is held outdoors, let the one tribe of Indians start fifteen minutes before the other, taking the "scalp" with them and hiding it. Have them make marks along the trail to denote the direction. The other side leaves fifteen minutes afterward, and endeavors to overtake the other tribe.

The next game is Killing the Deer—just the old Dart game—a large white deer cut from paper pinned on a large sheet on which is drawn a tree, and with a set of darts each side sees which can have the greater number of its members strike the deer in the head with the dart, standing at a given distance.

The next game may be Paleface and Indian.

The Arrows and Bears line up on two sides and are numbered, each side starting with one. The leaders standing in the center of the two sides calls a number, and the one from each side bearing that number must rush out and grab the tomahawk—a stick—which the leader holds. The side having secured it the greater number of times wins. (This is merely "Grab the Handkerchief" worked over, played from time immemorial.)

An Indian War Dance is next in order. This is merely "Follow the Leader."

Then the group gathers around the camp-fire.

Here refreshments are served.

Have something appropriate—ice cream would be grotesque.

Pop-corn, corn-bread, oatmeal cookies, nuts, apples—all are appropriate.

General Secretary's Letter

Dear Luther Leaguers:—

As you read these lines your secretary will be upon the rolling sea enroute to the convention of the Luther League of Nova Scotia.

The sea holds a fascination for the human heart scarcely paralleled by any other element on earth. Its broad expanse touches the most distant shores and over it we hold intercourse with the world. Furious in tempest, alluring in calm, we learn to love its every mood and understand it less as we see it more. Yet God controls its ceaseless motion, the secrets of its depths are His and at His work the tumults rage or tempests cease. There is a message of God in the lure of the sea. Having seen it once we yearn to return, and so the annual pilgrimage at this season of the year to seaside resorts bears testimony to the power of its attraction. There is fascination and delight yet withal, rocks and perilous ways. Out of the restless waves of joys and passions rises the lighthouse of God's Word.

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying, Christian, follow me."

Of course the biggest thing on the Luther League horizon at the present moment is the Milwaukee Convention. Our great biennial conference for league betterment.

Conferences are common. All classes of people get together in these days to consider ways of working that promise less waste and more returns. There is a call for church operatives to confer for profit. A Luther League lays foundations for finer and fuller successes by means of conferences. There should be periodical conferences where leaders sit down and discuss problems to find how best to solve them, plans to learn how to use them, and people to acquire skill in handling them.

There will be thinking in such a conference. Possibly more thinking is what is needed. Perhaps leaders get into ruts, follow routines, are mere cogs in a wheel, but put too little thought into what they do. It's easy to get used to wrong methods and keep going in the same old way. It takes a get-together for free and frank discussion to start analytic and discriminative thinking. It is while such thinking is in progress that workers find their own shortcomings, and realize their weakness. Conference starts thinking and thinking leads to improvement.

There will be talking in such a conference. That is its purpose. It is more than a meditation and more than a quiet respectful listening to a discourse, no matter how learned and skillful it may be. Conference invokes talking things over. It is an informal setting forth of what a number of people are thinking. It is this interchange of talk that brings to light alterations and modifications that are needed, and sets going new propositions for league's betterment. Into the talk will come people and equipment and successes and failures. In short, a conference is a general talking about things of the league. Out of some of this talking is bound to come benefit.

There will be transmitting in such a conference. A transmission of the ways for doing more and better work, with greater ease, is almost sure to result from a well directed conference. It does not end in talk, it sets up a transmission line for carrying the conclusions and decisions into actual contact with the leaguers, who ultimately constitute the material from which and through which the League's betterment is to be realized.

A conference of Luther League leaders stimulates thinking and talking, but it fails unless it transmits to the league methods of study, organization, administration and operation that can claim to be worthy of having a fair trial.

The program of the Milwaukee Convention is arranged in the form of Conferences of various departments and no Luther League leader can afford to miss them.

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES.

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LUTHER ON MARRIAGE

When Luther, four hundred years ago, cut the Gordian knot which bound him and his fellow priests to celibacy, he rendered a service of untold value. He had seen enough of the degenerate condition of the priesthood in his day. The multitude of poor priests, overburdened with women and children, and harassed with troubled consciences, convinced him that celibacy was anything but an holy estate. He could understand how the fathers in days of persecution found it necessary to deny themselves the privilege of marriage, that like heroes and martyrs they might be prepared for conflict, and if necessary, for death; but he called it a doctrine of the devil, as Paul puts it in I Timothy 4:1 and 3, for the papacy to make their example a universal law and forbid the priests to marry. "If the pope and bishop suffer such things to go on," he declares, "and do nothing to arrest such ruin, I will relieve my conscience and open my mouth wide." He not only "opened his mouth wide" in sermons and otherwise, but not long after, on June 13, 1525, to the consternation of both friend and foe, and at a time when he had lost his hold on both the nobility and the peasantry, he boldly put into practice what he had preached. That act was the emancipation proclamation of a once enslaved priesthood, and Paul's doctrine, that "a bishop should be a man blameless and the husband of one wife," became the slogan of the Church of the Reformation.

Naturally the unholiest of motives was ascribed to Luther's marriage, and the Romish Church has continued to revamp the slander against Luther's character, and will no doubt diligently do so in this quadricentennial year of that now famous marriage. Let them do it. Who outside of its deluded hosts cares? But it is interesting and instructive to note with what clearness and thoroughness Luther has set forth the scriptural conception of the marriage estate. He calls it "a truly noble, great and blessed estate, if it be rightly observed," in a sermon delivered one year before his marriage. At the same time he called attention to the terrible misery connected with it when not rightly observed. He exalts marriage as a great help and blessing to the pastor who, under the benign influence of normal domestic life, is all the better enabled to minister to the congregation. He makes genuine, heartfelt affection for the woman the only basis for a happy marriage, though it is well known that had not Catharine von Bora been jilted by another lover, and had she not, upon Luther's advice to her to marry Amsdorf, declared that she was ambitious enough to marry Luther instead, Luther would hardly have thought of marriage then. While in his view marriage is not a sacrament, it yet is a divine institution, whether believers or unbelievers enter into the estate. He contradicts the Roman Catholic heresy, that, to be valid, it must have the Church's seal of approval, otherwise it is no marriage.

This marriage of Luther has an historic significance and value which surpasses that of any other great personage in the history of the Christian Church. The rugged naturalness and beauty of his home life has been the admiration of historians. It speaks with an eloquence for the fundamental importance of the first divine institution, the family, such as no sermon or book could possibly express. It is a challenge to the present generation when divorces are multiplying and unhappy wedlocks are fast becoming the rule. That very building in which Luther and his fellow monks were once cloistered, through the generosity of the elector, became a home in the truest and best sense of the word. It was what the Welsh have beautifully called home, a veritable "Heart-place." Luther's big heart made it the refuge and rendezvous for professors, pastors, students, relations and poor

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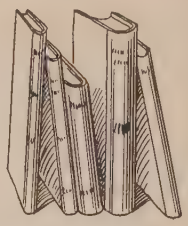
Educational Department



DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

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The Prayer Before the Reading.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

JUNE

Monday, June 1.—Prayer of Dedication.—I Kings 8:22-53.

Tuesday, June 2.—Solomon's Blessing.—I Kings 8:54-66.

Wednesday, June 3.—Energy and Fame of Solomon.—I Kings 9:1-28.

Thursday, June 4.—Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.—I Kings 10:1-13.

Friday, June 5.—Solomon's Revenue and Splendor.—I Kings 10:14-29.

Saturday, June 6.—Solomon Against Jehovah.—I Kings 11:1-25.

Sunday, June 7.—The Rise of Jeroboam.—I Kings 11:26-43.

Monday, June 8.—Folly of Jehoboam.—I Kings 12:1-15.

Tuesday, June 9.—Division of the Kingdom.—I Kings 12:16-33.

Wednesday, June 10.—Jeroboam's False Altar.—I Kings 13:1-10.

Thursday, June 11.—Jeroboam's Evil.—I Kings 13:11-34.

Friday, June 12.—Prophecy Against Jeroboam.—I Kings 14:1-20.

Saturday, June 13.—Judah's Apostasy.—I Kings 14:21-31.

Sunday, June 14.—Abijam and Asa Over Israel.—I Kings 15:1-24.

Monday, June 15.—Rebellion of Baasha.—I Kings 15:25-16: 7.

Tuesday, June 16.—Elah, Zimri and Omri Over Israel.—I Kings 16:8-34.

Wedesday, June 17.—The Famine and Elijah Fed.—I Kings 17:1-24.

Thursday, June 18.—Elijah Meets Ahab.—I Kings 18:1-24.

Friday, June 19.—Jehovah Against Baal.—I Kings 18:26-46.

Saturday, June 20.—Call of Elisha.—I Kings 19:1-21.

Sunday, June 21.—Ahab's First Syrian Campaign.—I Kings 20:1-21.

Monday, June 22.—Ahab's Second Syrian Campaign.—I Kings 20:22-43.

Tuesday, June 23.—Naboth's Vineyard.—I Kings 21:1-29.

Wednesday, June 24.—Lying Prophets of Ahab.—I King 22:1-23.

Thursday, June 25.—Battle of Ramoth-Ahab.—I Kings 22:1-28.

Friday, June 26.—Elijah's Message to Ahaziah.—II Kings 1:1-18.

Saturday, June 27.—Translation of Elijah.—II Kings 2:1-13.

Sunday, June 28.—Elisha's Faith and Power.—II Kings 2:14-25.

Monday, June 29.—Israel and Moab.—II Kings 3:1-27.

Tuesday, June 30.—Increase of the Widow's Oil.—II Kings 4:1-7.

July 5, 1925

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Deut. 28:1-14

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Righteousness. Proverbs 14:27-35.
Tuesday—Justice. Deut. 16:18-22.
Wednesday—Industry. Psalm 128.
Thursday—Unselfish Leaders. I Samuel 12:1-5.
Friday—Religion. Deut. 6.
Saturday—Consecrated Citizens. Psalm 125.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

A patriotic program is always acceptable. It ought to be easily worked up for an abundance of material can be found. Make use of all the patriotic organizations in your midst. Have the local unit of the Boy Scouts or the Campfire girls give some patriotic demonstration. An ex-soldier or a scout can give you the rules for the proper uses of the American Flag. Teach the League at this time to salute the Christian and the American Flags.

The history of the Constitution of The United States will be appropriate. Also have some of the most vital parts of the constitution read at this time.

Discuss what is meant by "A Safe and Sane Fourth." Fourth of July stories are plentiful. Use several of them. National poems are just as plentiful.

Sing America standing.

TOPIC

America is a wonderful land. Her greatness is known all over the world. Many nations today look to us for their ideals. Thousands of people flock here yearly for the advantages that are given in our industrial activities. To say we are Americans makes us princes in the minds of many peoples of the world.

God has greatly blessed our country in natural resources and advantages. He has hidden in our hills abundant treasures to be fashioned for the use of mankind. The development of these supplies from nature's store house has been a part of America's growth. The men who first settled this land were pioneers in more than one way. Our fathers have set a pace that the following generations will have to strive in order to maintain.

The visions of our forefathers consisted of more than satisfying the material man. Their hearts were set on many other things than gold, silver and grain. These stalwart men and women came to America with a consciousness of religion which they never lost. They came seeking the privilege to worship God as their hearts desired. Christian ideals are the heritages from the pioneer settlers. America is great today because there were such religious men and women. America is known today because she has been builded upon a solid foundation. This foundation is the worship of the true God. Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone. The additions ought to be of the same making if the structure is to be permanent.

The irreligion that is so prevelant is doing more to destroy our beloved land more than anything else. This country stands or falls as to how she lives. No nation has lasted long that forgot God.

The Christian Church today is the one great asset of the land. The preservation of our ideals and our future greatness depends upon the attitude of the people toward the Churches. The spires that pierce the skies of every community are the watchmen for the best welfare of America. When these are neglected or destroyed civilization will totter. Nothing can remain great without the knowledge and obedience of the laws of God.

Some of the leaders in the commercial world have realized this trend in America and have called the public's attention to the needs. They have appealed for more of the Gospel of Christ. When the majority of Americans realize that the greatness and firmness of the land depends upon their hold on the truths of the religion of Jesus Christ, America will become greater and her ideals will be continued to be heralded throughout the world.

An enthusiastic League is an asset to the country as well as the Church. All that is successful in the Church enlarges the greatness of the land. America needs the Christian spirit to make and keep her great.

July 12, 1925

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NEGRO IN AMERICA

Ps. 40:1-5; Prov. 22:29

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Progress in Education. Proverbs 1:1-9.
Tuesday—Eager Learners. Acts 8:26-40.
Wednesday—Progress in Industry. Proverbs 10:1-16.
Thursday—Progress in Religion. II Tim. 3:14-17.
Friday—Progress in Community Life. Isaiah 11:1-10.
Saturday—Progress in Citizenship. Romans 13:1-8.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

The Negro question is an important one. There is much material from several viewpoints. The most dependable are those books that have been prepared for mission

study. These are, "Negro Life in the South," and "Present Forces in Negro Progress," by W. D. Weatherford. Much help can be gained from either of the books. A synopsis of either volume would be a splendid program.

The poems by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, a Negro, will be appropriate for this program. The life of Booker T. Washington ought to be interesting in this connection.

A study of some of the Negro's characteristics will be full of information. Too few people have tried to understand the black man in our own land. A subject for discussion is "The Slave or the Servant."

What is our Church doing for the Negro? The Missouri Synod can answer most of this for you.

Topic

The Negro population of our country numbers about one-tenth. It is scattered all over the states. At one time in the history of the Nation the Negro problem was local to the South but that has changed. It is now a national consideration for millions of them live in the North and East.

The Negro has made many progressive steps although he has not been in this country so very long. He has proven that he is capable of development. A few of them rank high in most every profession of America. When it is considered that the colored man was brought directly from the heart of superstition and ignorance only a few hundred years ago, his progress is astonishing.

It is true that only a few of these black people have reached the top notch in education and culture, however, there are many more climbing today the same ladder to success. It is wonderful how one so low in mental, moral and spiritual degradation could be brought to such a high level in so short a time.

Many of their schools are well equipped and well attended. Some of the negroes are acquiring land and many others have become a part of the great industrial world of America. Colored labor is equal to the foreign element and is preferable at times. The leaders of the Negroes are showing that they are interested in the affairs of the land. This is their only home and they are interested in her welfare.

Christianity is making rapid progress among them. They are naturally religious. During the past they have been abused with all kinds of excitable isms and have hindered them in their religious development. Nevertheless they are making advances in the field of service and righteousness. They should be dealt with patiently. They are here to stay and it is up to the white man to meet the situation honestly and squarely.

It is hardly possible for the colored people in America to consider the ruling of themselves. They have not as a whole learned to depend upon themselves. They imitate the white man and depend upon him for most everything they need. But the day is coming when the Negroes will fill a different place in the life of America and it is for the wise citizen to be ready for that day in order to be able to meet it sanely and rightly.

The colored man at present fills a place in the life of the nation that must be occupied. He does a type of work which the average American will not handle. The day is coming when all this will be changed. All Americans ought to look this issue squarely in the face and meet it intelligently and rightly.

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July 19, 1925

Sixth Sunday After Trinity

THE BEATITUDES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matt. 5:1-12; John 20:29; Rom. 4:7

Daily Bible Readings

It is blessed to—
Monday—Recognize Christ. Matt. 16:13-20.
Tuesday—Be Ready for the Lord's Coming. Luke 12:35-40.
Wednesday—Feed the Poor. Luke 14:7-14.
Thursday—Follow Jesus' Example. John 13:1-17.
Friday—Give More Than Receive. Acts 20:55.
Saturday—Endure Temptation. James 1:12.

Hints for Leaders

A program in line with this subject can be formed around the following three words, *Promises, Rewards* and *Blessings*. All three of these words when rightly understood will answer many questions in the minds of the young people of today. Ask some good Bible student of your church or community to develop these thoughts.

Stories and poems of rewards will be suitable at this time. Hymns of triumph and Heaven will be appropriate.

Do not be afraid to have a free discussion led by a capable person, preferably the pastor, on the subject of "*Heaven.*" It is wise to know the conception of heaven by the people.

A section read from Revelation would not be out of place.

Attractive posters ought to be possible for this meeting.

Topic

Christ came to bring salvation to the world. The salvation that He has made possible is more than merely a heavenly one at the end of this existence. To acquire and live the religion of Christ Jesus asks for more than a solemn religious conviction. There are many sides to a Christian life. One part that is closely linked with the teaching of Christ is that of rewards. These are spoken of as blesseds.

In the Present

Religion is an everyday affair. It seems that many have not been convinced of this fact. An ardent student of the Bible soon realizes that the sincere Christian is every moment a follower of his Saviour. This life with Christ is filled with many good promises. The Church Militant and the Church Triumphant are closely linked. The one affects the other. The carrying out of Christ's commands is only a means to an end in His plan for the world.

Religion is not something to be done at all times for nothing. There are certain rewards that come logically in the fulfillment of certain duties. These are called today by the word "blessed." The blessings of God are treasures. The Christian often misses these goals in life because he neither works for nor expects them. After one has read over the fifth chapter of Matthew he ought to be impressed with the promises that are given there.

In the Future

As the fighting church is related to the victorious church so is the militant Christian closely allied with the life beyond. All the reward is not given here on this earth. There is a future blessing in store for the followers of the Christ. This is the goal for those who have confessed faith in the Son of the Living God.

These future blessings are such that will clear one of all the frailty of the present life and give him the glories of the eternal kingdom promised by the Saviour. The blessings that are worth while are only those enumerated in the Bible as rewards for the faithful. Anything less is not eternal.

Faith is the key to the promises of the Saviour. The goal of salvation is Heaven. Heaven is a place of bliss. This does not mean idleness. A God who is active can not be conceived of preparing a place of indolence for those who are to receive rewards for labor and service. Earth and heaven are more closely connected than this. The kingdom of Christ exists in the hearts of mankind in so far as they do the will of God. Service is a blessing for the Christian and the future can be considered in a similar light. God's people are to be happy. And what it takes to make the faithful happy in that eternal home will be a part of the eternal reward.

July 26, 1925

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

TAKING CARE OF OUR WORKERS

(Missionary)

By Dr. George Drach

Our workers in China are the foreign missionaries and the Chinese teachers, Bible women, evangelists and pastors. There are now in our China mission eight foreign missionaries, five Chinese pastors, thirty-five teachers and eight Bible women. They are working for us in the interest of the kingdom of God. We pray: "Thy kingdom come." When we say that, we express our desire to have His kingdom come to us and through us to others. Those of us who cannot go as missionaries make our prayers and our offerings of money for missions in order that others may go to the foreign fields. That is the way we take care of our workers abroad.

What are the missionaries and Chinese workers doing with the missionary contributions? They are using the money we send them for the preaching and teaching of the gospel, baptizing converts, establishing congregations, conducting mission schools, carrying on medical work and thus developing a Chinese Lutheran Church in the mission field.

When we took over the Shantung mission in China from the Berlin Society in January, 1925, there were about 1,000 baptized Christians in the congregations already established. But the Shantung province has a population of forty millions. We are not responsible for the conversion of all these 40,000,000, because other missions are located in the province. Nevertheless, in that part of the province which is assigned to us as our field, there are millions who have never heard the gospel and who will not hear it unless we make it possible for them to hear it, by caring for our mission workers. If we care enough it will not be long before many thousands will be baptized to share with us the precious promises of redemption in Christ Jesus.

Let me suggest a good way for us to show that we care for our workers in China. It is the way provided by the Patron and Protege Plan of our Board. Some congregations contribute $1,000 in excess of apportionment to have missionaries assigned to them as foreign mission pastors. Some Luther Leagues contribute a certain sum of money each year to support a protege. The Board has fixed tentatively the following sums: For a Bible colporteur, who sells the Sacred Scriptures and serves where he can as an evangelist, $35; for a boy's scholarship $45; a village teacher $45; an elementary school teacher $85; a middle school teacher $150; an ordained Chinese pastor $160. It will be a unique distinction for any League to be a patron of some protege in our China mission from the very first year of our responsibility for it.

"Carest thou not?" Luther Leagues should be eager to reply: "Yes, we care. We care very much; and we will do all we can by gift and by prayer for our workers.

Intermediate Department

"AND JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN"

INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

Torch-Bearers in China—Matthews	$ .75
Land of All Nations—Seebach	.75
What Shall I Do With My Life?—Donnelly	1.50
Little Journeys in His Kingdom—Wendall	.50
The Master—Johnston	1.25
The Eagle of the Wilderness—Seebach	1.00

WHAT OF THE INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE?

When you compose your Luther League cross-word puzzle (of course you are working on one, are you not?), don't send it to the REVIEW unless somewhere you have included—"the youngest member of the Luther League family." That will be a puzzler, sure enough, for everybody will write down at once, "Junior," when in reality it should be "Intermediate."

For we think (though we haven't asked Miss Mehlhouse) that the first meeting of the younger Leaguers was held by a crowd of Juniors long before the 'teen age League was thought of, and we know that while this department was combined under the title "the Junior and Intermediate League," when they were divided it was Junior methods that were stressed, and it is only in recent years that we have a definite, clear and most worth while plan for work with the 'teen age boys and girls. And so the Intermediate League is the youngest of the family.

What about this Intermediate League? What about the Intermediate himself? What does the work stand for? What is the relation to the Senior and Junior programs? How is the work developed? And a score of other questions.

In the first place, let it be clearly understood that Intermediate work is not just an older Junior League. It takes the boy and girl at 12, gives him those things that will minister to the four-fold life, spiritual, social, physical and educational, and prepares him at sixteen to enter the Senior League. The Intermediate is eager to work, full of life and enthusiasm, and he is allowed to develop those qualities which will fit him for service later in the Senior League.

Usually the regular League plan is followed in an Intermediate organization—officers chosen from the Intermediates themselves, with committees, performing the usual duties, and with the devotional meeting conducted for the study of a topic, followed by discussion. Social activities naturally come in for a large share of attention.

The devotional meeting is of course the most important phase of the work. It means work, but it is work well worth while. There is real opportunity for discussing every-day problems, and for the presentation of questions of peculiar interest to high school boys and girls. The meetings should be varied. One Sunday a month might be a "Special Speakers' Night." Another night, one Intermediate may be in charge with the thought that just as many as possible of the members are to participate in the program. Another night a debate may be given, and again some special form of presenting the topic—dramatization, pictures, special music, may be used.

Here are four good rules in planning the Intermediate meeting: (1) Put nothing into the meeting that does not contribute in some way to the general thought of the Topic for that night. (2' Have as many as possible take part. (3) Do not call on outsiders unless there is no one available in the society for your regular meetings. (4) Plan every meeting at least four weeks in advance. Good meetings are not arranged at five o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Some Intermediate Leaguers find it most interesting in addition to their regular work to use the books of the Reading Course, and have a period devoted to the study of a chapter or two from one of the books following the devotional meeting. "Torch-bearers in China" and "Land of All Nations" are two mission books; "The Master" is a devotional book; "What Shall I Do With My Life," a book on Life Service, "Little Journeys in His Kingdom" a book of Church History, and "An Eagle of the Wilderness," the story of our own Lutheran hero, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. All these are admirable to use as suggested.

Let the Intermediates build and work their own program. What they need is not so much a driver or an overseer, as an adviser and guide.

To aid the Intermediate in "finding himself," and in attaining the high standard of the four-fold life already mentioned there is our Intermediate Merit System. We are proud of this, for we have seen nothing similar. It is a plan of awards of merit for certain tasks performed in the society, physical, spiritual, social and educational feats, and pins are awarded of the corresponding color, as the Intermediate advances from one grade to another, and enters respectively, the Black, Red, White, Blue and Gold Rank. Get a copy of this System from League Headquarters. Examine it. Use it.

There are no hard and fast rules that we can give you as you plan your work. Each one must be a trail blazer and meet individual and local conditions. Separate Boys' and Girls' Leagues are often the better plan.

The Intermediate group is tremendously valuable to the Church. Together we must work out the problem of training these Intermediates for real service.

The motto of the Intermediate Department—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" —expresses our aim—to develop the boy, the girl, along these four lines, social, physical, educational, devotional, all from the spiritual standpoint. In this work will you help us by looking to the Intermediate girl, the Intermediate boy of your Church?

July 5, 1925

TOPIC—WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Rev. Charles M. Teufel

Hymn—My Country, 'Tis of Thee.

Psalm 67—Read in concert.

Prayer—Collects No. 73 and No. 74 from Common Service Hymnal, page 181.

Text—(Revised Version)—Gen. 18:17-19. "And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do: seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him to the end, that he may command his children and his household after him, and they may keep the way of Jehovah to do righteousness and justice that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Subject—"What Makes a Nation Great?"

God's Ideals for a Great Nation

Our Text shows us six points that enter into making a nation great.

First—A great foundation for the Jewish nation existed in the man Abraham.

Second—The outstanding trait in this foundation, Abraham, was that he would cause his family to be so taught as to become the unit for growth. Hence the family is seen to be the unit for growth.

Third—Instruction had a place of first importance in this family's development.

Fourth—The instruction centered about the way of the Lord. The knowledge concerning God was the knowledge needed.

Fifth—With this knowledge of God and His ways this family was to implant righteousness and justice throughout the nation.

Sixth—However the principles of righteousness and justice were not alone for making Abraham's nation great but through these principles his nation was to be a blessing for all other nations. (Read at this point, Gen. 22:18.)

These Ideals Necessary for Making Any Nation Great

First—The persons God used to found your nation were men often under deep religious conviction and capable of tremendous sacrifices. Hence we have the first point—Worthy Founders.

Second—The center of your nation for good is the *Family*. That our families be *Christian families* is of the utmost importance.

Third—*Education* is a factor in building up the nation but that education must begin in the family and then extend in all possible directions.

Fourth—The material with which the education must be filled must be *Christian*. "The nurture and admonition of the Lord" is the way the Bible says it.

Education without Christianity is very dangerous. Education which sees in Jesus "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" guarantees safe and wise and law-loving families and from them a nation like them.

Fifth—Abraham's nation was to promote righteousness and justice. A nation whose families exalt Jesus Christ will naturally stand for the same great principles. To *righteousness* and *justice*, our forefathers added *freedom*. Only those who know Christ are really free. (Read John 8:36.) Surely your nation to be great must do everything to give to everybody justice and freedom, and to inspire everybody with the desire and possession of righteousness.

Sixth—Your nation if it profits because it exalts justice, righteousness and freedom gained from Jesus Christ is untrue to that Christ if it lives for itself. *To be really great it must prove a blessing to all peoples of the earth.* President Coolidge repeatedly emphasizes this mission of the United States to the rest of the world. (An interesting book, "This Nation under God," by Rev. C.

E. Kistler, a Lutheran, will give additional material for this point.)

Seventh—A seventh point is here added. A great nation will consist of great individuals. Great individuals are the products in the best sense of Jesus Christ. That individual who is deeply concerned about making his nation Christian is the most useful citizen. Home Mission work is the Church's way of making a nation Christian. To the extent that you are helping the Church in its home mission work is the extent to which you are a really useful citizen. The more such individuals the greater the nation.

A Bible Search That Aids the Subject

Have each person find in their Bible Prov. 14:34, Ps. 33:12, Jer. 4:2, Ps. 147:20. Bring out the point in the reference that refers to the subject.

A Fourth of July Journey

Start at Independence Hall and ring the Liberty Bell, reading out aloud Lev. 25:10. See the Bible connection to the beginnings of the United States. Travel to Fort Ticonderoga and hear the God thought there. Tarry at Saratoga and II Cor. 12:10 might be noted. Meditate awhile at Valley Forge and realize Washington at prayer. End the journey at Yorktown and read on the monument commemorating the surrender that ended the Revolutionary War the words, "One Country, One Destiny, One Constitution." Then know that the hope of the unity is Jesus Christ.

Look at the Flag

(Have it on display.)

What better words can colors Red, White, Blue suggest than Righteousness, Justice, Liberty?

Name each stripe with the name of one of the thirteen original states.

Name an early great American from each of these thirteen original states.

Name a living American from each of these original thirteen states.

How do the founders compare with the present list? Cast out all prejudice in your comparison. Your conclusion likely will determine if the United States, founded Great, is continuing *Great.*

Hymn—"God Bless Our Native Land."

Salute the Flag and close with Lord's Prayer.

July 12, 1925

WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE?

Ruth 1:16-17; John 11:28-30
(Miss May Scherer)

Hints

The program, "Women of the Bible," may be made most interesting by having the stories told by girls dressed in appropriate costumes, though this will not be necessary for the success of the program. After each speaker has told her story, let the other member guess who she represents; or pass pencils and papers and let every member write out her answers. A number of other stories can be told. It will be interesting to have named by the members the names of women beginning with each letter of the alphabet. If this is done the leader should make out a list before the meeting so that she can supply any names that the other members are not able to suggest, or a contest can be made of the guessing who is represented and also of naming women alphabetically. Or one side might have the privilege of naming a certain woman and asking the other side to tell who she was. This could be previously announced and studied, or it could be impromptu. Or there could be a contest in mentioning women of the Bible as long as either side can continue. The thoughtful leader will have no trouble in making this program interesting.

The Topic

It will be well to begin our study of The Women of the Bible with Solomon's description of a Virtuous Woman as given in the 31st chapter of Proverbs.

Let us learn what value Solomon put on a Virtuous Woman. Prov. 31:10.

The Virtuous Woman is thrifty. Prov. 31:15.

She is a good business woman. Prov. 31:16.

She is physically strong. Prov. 31:17.

She is charitable, Prov. 31:20.

She is attractive. Prov. 31:22.

Now that we have studied Solomon's idea of a Virtuous Woman let us study some of the women whose stories are told in the Bible. No. 1 will tell the story of a woman about whom all of us have read.

No. 1—I represent the only woman in the Bible whose age was ever told. I lived in a far Eastern country. My husband was a wealthy man and we had everything that we needed. God called my husband to go into a far country which He would show him. To go into a far country now does not mean so much when you have automobiles and trains and even aeroplanes; but three thousand years ago the distance seemed much greater to us as we traveled on our camels. We knew that when we left our country we could not go back to it. Neither could we write, or telephone or telegraph or send radio messages. There were no telephones, no telegraph wires, no postal service, and no radios. My husband went to this country because God called him to do so and I went with him because I was a faithful wife. I think also in answer to the call of God.

I was a woman who was fair to look upon. I was so beautiful that one time when my husband took me visiting into Egypt he became very much afraid that some one would want to take me from him. I don't think that he did exactly the right thing at that time, but even bold men become frightened sometimes.

The Lord promised that we should have a son, but we waited in faith many years before this promise was fulfilled. My husband was one hundred years old and I was also very old when our son was born. I was a faithful wife to my husband and he became the father of a great nation. If you do not know my name you can find it in the 1st verse of the 23rd chapter of Genesis.

No. 2—I represent the only woman in the Bible who ever led an army to battle. I was a prophetess and a judge of Israel. The heathen people from the North oppressed our people for twenty years. They had 900 chariots of iron. My people were not trained to fight and had no chariots of iron. When we were thus oppressed I called Barak and urged him to get together an army and go out against these people of the North, but Barak would not go unless I went with him. So an army of ten thousand men was collected and Barak went and I went with him. The Lord was with us. Even though we had no chariots of iron and few weapons, not a man of the northern army was left alive. If you would like to read the song of praise that I sang after the Lord had delivered the people of the North into our hands, you will find it in the 5th chapter of Judges.

No. 3—My life is recorded in a book in the Bible that bears my name. My home was in the country of Moab. There came down to my country a woman from Bethlehem with her husband and two sons. I became the wife of one son and my sister became the wife of the other son. My husband and my mother-in-law came from a country which I had never visited. They told me of a God whom I had not known, but I learned from them that He was a God of Love. I was very happy for ten years until my husband died. My sister's husband and my father-in-law died also. My mother-in-law was very sad. She wanted to go back to her own country. When she started back to her own country my sister and I both started with her; but my sister turned back. But I went on to Bethlehem with her. Her God became my God and her people became my people. It was hard for us to get sufficient fool for my mother-in-law and me, but a cousin of my husband was a rich farmer. He allowed me to go into his wheat field and glean the wheat that had been dropped. I learned that he told the reapers to drop extra wheat in order that I might have it. This man was very kind to me and after I had been to Bethlehem for awhile I became his wife. I was happy that I had gone to Bethlehem and that I had become a follower of the true God. I think that all of you know my name by this time. If you do not, you will know it when I tell you that I was the great grandmother of David.

No. 4—I cannot tell you the name of the woman that I represent because I do not know her name. I was a woman who had not been a good woman. I lived in Samaria. As you perhaps know, the Jews did not like the Samaritans and did not have anything to do with them. One day I went to Jacob's well to draw some water. When I got there I saw a man sitting on the well. He was wearied and tired. He must have walked a long distance. I saw that He was a Jew, but I liked to look at His face. It was full of a look that I had never before seen in the face of any one. I was surprised when He asked me for a drink. I had been to the well many times before, but no Jew had ever asked me for a drink. But when He asked me, I drew the water and gave it to Him. I think that I would have given Him anything for which He had asked me. I remembered the things that I had done that I should not have done, and strange to say, as this Man talked to me, I learned that He knew all about me and that He knew everything that I had ever done. He told me that He could give me water that would not let me grow thirsty. At first I could not understand what He meant, but after He had talked with me a little while He told me that He was the Christ. Then I began to understand Him better, and I knew why He, being a Jew, had spoken to me. After awhile some of His friends came back. They were surprised that He had talked with me, but He did not mind what they had to say. When I left him I went into the city and told all of my friends to come with me and see a Man who told me all things that ever I did. You can read about me in the 4th chapter of John.

No. 5—I wonder whether you have heard of the woman whom I represent? I did not live in the same country in which all of the other women about whom we have heard lived. I lived in a country that was called Macedonia. I made a great deal of money by selling purple cloth. I had a home of my own and there were a number of people who belonged to my household. One day there was a man who came to the city in which I lived. On one Sabbath day there were a number of women by the river side and this man who was visiting the city talked to us. I had never heard the things which he told us. He told us of a time when He was going to Damascus and saw a vision.

He became blind and was blind for three days. He told us that the Lord spoke to him in the vision and called him to become a preacher to the Gentiles. This man had another man with him whose name was Luke. He was a physician. As the man talked to us, I knew that what he said was true. I believed in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and I and all of my household were baptized. I was made very happy by having the man come to my house to live as long as he was in the city. If you do not know my name you will find it in the 16th chapter of Acts. You will also find the name of the man who was the great preacher in the same chapter.

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July 19, 1925

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF JEALOUSY?

Gen. 37:1-11

Pageantry and dramatization are receiving more and more attention, especially in the work among young people. Occasionally the Intermediates will enjoy giving the Topic in the form of a little play or act. Keep the program reverent, having the Intermediates enter into the spirit of the dramatization and the lesson will be taught.

The following little scene can give the lesson of our Topic today.

THE PLAY OF MR. ENVY AND GOOD-HEART

Enter *Envy*—(an Intermediate draped in black—the simplest of costumes can be used—merely a few yards of cheesecloth for each, and the name represented printed on a slip of cardboard.)

I Am *Envy or Jealousy*. I go scowling through the world, causing discontent, strife, anger, even death. I bring many other evils in my train. I cause much trouble.

Enter *Good-Heart*—(an Intermediate girl in a drapery of white).

Good-Heart—I am *Good-Heart*. I stand for one with good thoughts in their heart, with pure clean thoughts, with nothing of malice, or hate. Such a heart comes from a sincere effort to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and keep His commands. Our Bible says—"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." There is a prayer there too, which says, "Create within me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." In such a heart there is no room for greed, or jealousy, or hate, or strife.

Jealousy. Aha, that sounds well, but the world is full of me. Jealousy is everywhere. And the evils which it causes are rampant, too. Even in the Bible you have talked about there is lots of jealousy and evil which it has brought. Let me call some of the passions which follow in my wake.

Enter *Murder* (an Intermediate in a red drapery). I am *Murder*. One would hardly think that mere jealousy would lead to Murder, but it sometimes does. Back in Bible times, the very first brothers quarrelled. Cain was *jealous* of his brother Abel. His offering was not acceptable, while his brother's was. What was the result? He became angry, and killed his brother.

And today, *Jealousy* often leads to *Murder*. Not actual bodily *Murder* perhaps, although sometimes we have this, but in the business world, men often because of Jealousy, kill another man's chance to advance and succeed, and his prosperity. And in the social world, one because of *Jealousy* often kills another's reputation, or their position. There are more ways of killing a person than actual slaying. And *Jealousy* is often the cause.

(*Good-Heart* holds her hands over her face—as if to shut out the sight.)

Enter *Anger* (an Intermediate clad in purple drapery.)

I am *Anger*. *Anger* is often prompted by *Jealousy*. Look at two other brothers, Jacob and Esau. Of course Jacob was to blame and Esau was right. But Esau was jealous because Jacob was his mother's favorite, and it was not being cheated of his birthright, but the thoughts of jealousy because Jacob was favorite, that made him so angry, and which caused Jacob to flee in haste lest Esau's anger cause him harm. *Jealousy* often brings *Anger*, and with *Anger*, hard feelings, and an angry heart, no one in this world can be happy. Intermediates often see others with better things, more advantages than they, and this leads to anger.

Good-Heart. O, cast out all angry thoughts from your heart

Enter *Envy* (garbed in green). I am *Envy*, just another name for *Jealousy*. When one is envious of another, one is willing to do almost anything against that person. Think of Joseph and his brothers. They were all envious of their brother. Was he not his father's favorite? Did he not receive the best of everything? Did he not himself tell of dreams which showed that some day he was to rule over them? Their hearts were filled with envy, and they decided to do away with the object of their envy. You all know the story—how he was put down into the pit, and how it was only the compassion of one of the brothers that saved his life, by his being taken out again and then sold to the Egyptians, so he would be out of the way. To what depth Jealousy and Envy will sometimes lead us. It leads to strife and deceit—for these brothers planned to deceive their old father, and it leads to wickedness and sin, even willingness to kill.

Enter *Greed* (draped in yellow).

I am *Greed*. *Jealousy* leads to Greed. King Saul is an example. He was jealous of David. He became greedy for more praise, more honor and more glory—even though he was king—just because David was receiving same. He could not stand the people's praises when they were sung to David. "Saul had slain his thousands, but David has slain his tens of thousands" seemed to stir an evil spirit within him. He was greedy for more and more praise and glory. There are people today just like that, boys and girls who cannot see another getting along well in school, on the team, anywhere, without being jealous, and becoming greedy for more praise for themselves, no matter what they have. Such boys and girls grow into men and women who cannot see others succeed in business or in other worldly affairs, they are greedy for more success for themselves.

Jealousy—So you see, these are my children. These are the evils which come from Jealousy.

Good-Heart—Be gone, dark *Jealousy*. You bring too many evils with you. A jealous heart can never be happy, discontent, dissatisfaction spring up, and all these other evils—hatred, envy, strife, brother against brother, nation against nation, follow. Is there no weapon to fight you?

Jealousy and all the attendant evils slink away, as an Intermediate boy appears holding a large Bible.

Intermediate Boy—Just one Weapon—the Sword of the Spirit—will drive away jealousy and anger out of our hearts—out of my heart, your heart—out of the world. This is the Word of God.

Read it, meditate upon it, follow its precepts, live close to God, ask His Son to help you keep all jealousy and malice and strife out of your heart, and you will be able to fight this foe.

July 26, 1925

WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY NEGROES IN AMERICA?

"Land of All Nations"—Chapter 1

A Student of Two Books (George Carver)

Acts 8:26-39

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

Hymn—"Work For the Night Is Coming."

Scripture—Acts 8:26-39.

Leader—A carpenter without tools, a doctor without medicines, a house without furniture, so is a study class without a textbook. Fortunately since Intermediates are at the study-age, there are three which we may own very cheaply as to price, but lose at high cost to ourselves if we do not manage to buy them—"Land of All Nations" (holds it up), "Of One Blood," and "Adventures in Brotherhood," all to be had for a total of $2.25 from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia.

On the wall is our map of the United States, peopled by Americans. Will some one tell their racial descent? (Answer.) Since all of us—or our forefathers came in ships—it is evident that only the red Indian is a true born American. This is truly a "Land of All Nations." (Have this in large cutout letters hung across map.) We who are the students of this book are liable to have come from Northern or Central Europe—so we will not waste time on ourselves. In ships—torn from friends and native land came the African, "our brother in black." "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," Paul tells us. Has this God-made black man any gift for America and Americans? Let us find his story in our study book—"Land of All Nations"—by Margaret Seebach.

A. 1.—From the blackness of a night at the close of the Civil War sounded the wail of a slave-baby, stolen, with his mother, by the "night-riders," who sold the mother; and the child, whooping its puny life away, might have died but for the human heart of its owner who sent a man on a valuable race horse to redeem his property. Was the scrawny black baby worth the horse?

A. 2.—Reads pp. 1-5. The boy loved everything that grew. He was willing to make any sacrifice to learn.

A. 3.—Even now—with his love of nature and thirst for knowledge would the world—would America—be poorer today, if no white man or woman had held out a hand to help him? If he had not cared to make the most of himself, working to pay his way while he studied?

A. 4.—Reads pp. 5-7. A lady hearing his voice sent for him and gave him instruction.

A. 5.—The boy, gifted with a voice, and as an artist had for his watchword "I want to know." "Why does God make different plants?" "Why cannot I make them?" So he set to work to learn "the gifts God had hidden in the things He made," caring most for finding those most useful to man.

A. 6.—Reads pp. 7-10.

Leader—Hundreds of white boys had passed through the colleges Carver attended. Many of them only wrote their names on the roll-books. Carver has written his high among the benefactors not only of his race, but of America and the world. Studying God's Book of Nature, he worked with humble plants—the peanut and the sweet potato. In his laboratories he has produced 84 valuable marketable products from the latter and 65 from the former. Was the baby worth the horse?

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Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

THE JUNIOR READING COURSE

Chinese Lanterns—Meyers	$ .75
Uncle Sam's Family—McConnell	1.00
The Marigold Horse—Seebach	1.25
Best Bible Tales—Hurst	1.50
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach	.75
Through Story-Land with the Children—Faulkner	1.25

LAST CALL! LAST CALL! WHAT FOR? WHAT FOR?

1. *To register your Junior League before the Milwaukee Convention.* (Send in name of church, superintendent's name and address, number enrolled and when organized.)
2. *To send in a contribution to the Junior Objective Fund.* ($300 Fund contributed by the Juniors for Education (printing of leaflets), Missions, (children's work in China) and Life Service (toward support of Spanish student at Wagner College).
3. *To send in something for the Junior Exhibit at Milwaukee.* (A picture of your Junior League, some handwork done, an invitation to one of your meetings one thing showing something of your work.)
4. *To send in the statistical blank sent you in January.* (Without this we have no record of the work of your Junior League, and consequently will not be able to include it in our report at the Convention.)

Be a 100 per cent Junior League!
Comply with all four of these!
Help us to go to Milwaukee with 200 Registered Leagues!
And with $300 in the Junior Fund!

THIRTEEN MORE JUNIOR LEAGUES REGISTERED!

Last month we registered 11 Junior Leagues. This month we have 13 more. Help us keep this record!

Junior League 105—St. John's, Sterling Illinois—was incorrectly registered as a Junior, instead of an Intermediate League. It is replaced by another. The Leagues registered since the May issue are:

105. St. Paul's, Syracuse, N. Y.
127. Salem, Reamstown, Pa.
128. St. Mark's, Indianapolis, Ind.
129. St. John's, Mohnton, Pa.
130. Holy Trinity, Narberth, Pa.
131. Trinity, Coatesville, Pa.
132. University, Seattle, Wash.
133. San Pablo, Porto Rico.
134. Atonement, Syracuse, N. Y.
135. Calvary, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
136. St. Paul's, Mt. Winans, Baltimore, Md.
137. St. Joseph's, Allentown, Pa.
138. Memorial, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

$173.55 IN OUR SPECIAL JUNIOR OBJECTIVE FUND!

Our Fund now soars to $173.55.

Previously acknowledged	$135.55
Elias, Newmanstown, Pa.	3.00
Redeemer, Omaha, Neb.	3.00
Section A—Phila. District	5.00
Redeemer, Vancouver, B. C.	3.00
St. Paul's, Port Carbon, Pa.	3.00
Trinity, Coatesville, Pa.	3.00
Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.	3.00
Grace, Rochester, Pa.	15.00
Total	$173.55

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July 5, 1925

IN THE STREETS OF OUR CITIES (Missionary)

Mrs. A. J. Fenner

A Verse for Each Day

Monday—Gen. 13:1-13. Lot goes to the city, while Abram makes his home in the mountains.
Tuesday—Luke 2:44-45. Jesus sought for by His parents in a big city.
Wednesday—Matt. 21:1-11. Jesus enters a great city.
Thursday—Luke 19:41-44—Jesus weeps over a great city.
Friday—Acts 3:1-11—Peter and John heal a lame man in the streets of a city.
Saturday—Luke 14:16-24. Go and gather in from the streets of the city.

The Topic

During the warm days of summer let us plan to hold as many of our meetings as possible, out in the open. The devotional service and perhaps the handwork had best be carried out in the church, while the stories and games will be enjoyed out on the church lawn, in a nearby park or yard.

Encourage the children to bring their friends to these meetings, for during vacation months many children are playing aimlessly about the streets.

Program

Hymn.—Junior's choice.

Leader holds up card on which is written "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

A short discussion follows, as to "Who is Brother?" "What Does It Mean to Keep My Brother?" How Does the Church Keep Her Children? (Some one who was present at last month's meeting will be able to answer this question.)

A Picture Show.—Make this a sort of game in which the audience all sit quietly while several of the Juniors pass before them with pictures of "The Children of the City." (Picture Sheet Series 25¢) or any other pictures of children playing in crowded streets.

The Leader and children then talk about the pictures. Why are these children playing in the streets? Why so many crowded together? Is it dangerous in crowded streets? ("In New York alone an average of 39 children are killed or injured daily."

Leader.—"Ministers, teachers, fathers and mothers have gotten together and planned how they could "Keep" these "brothers" of ours from being hurt and killed. Here are some of the ways in which they are helping.

Second Picture Show.—Pictures of churches, Settlement Houses, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Nurseries, Play Grounds. Lay particular emphasis on those in your own city.

Game.—For recreation play the game "Who Is My Brother?" (Like "What Is Your Trade.") If possible play outside. Divide Juniors into two groups. One group decides what missionary brothers they will represent and then act it out for the other side to guess. The fields already studied are India, Japan, Africa, Virgin Islands and Porto Rico.

Story.—"Tony's Church." (Leaflet, 2¢—Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenburg Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.)

Encourage the Juniors to tell, not read the stories. If the leaflets are given out in due time the Junior will be familiar with the story.

Discussion.—How We Can Help Our Brothers.

Previous to the meeting the superintendent should visit one of the Inner Mission Institutes of her city and find out in what way the Juniors might help.

Suggestions.

1. Prepare articles for a box to be given to the Settlement at Christmas.

2. Have the Juniors prepare a party for the young children of the Settlement or Mission.

3. Plan to visit the Mission and each child take a glass of jell.

Closing Hymn.—"Saviour Teach Me Day by Day."

Prayer.—By a Junior.

"Father hear us as we pray;
Guard and keep us day by day;
Help us to feel thy loving care,
Every day and everywhere.
Help us to be good and true
Jesus' work on earth to do;
All we have with others share,
Every day and everywhere."

July 12, 1925

DANIEL, THE LION-HEARTED, AND SOME DANIELS OF LATER TIMES

(Bible Story)

A Verse for Each Day

Monday—Dan. 2:1, 19, 31-35. Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar his dream.
Tuesday—Dan. 4:1-17. King Nebuchadnezzar has another dream.
Wednesday—Dan. 4:18-27. Daniel interprets this dream also.
Thursday—Dan. 5:1-17, 22-30. Daniel reads the handwriting on the wall for King Belshazzar.
Friday—Dan. 6:1-9. The princes hate Daniel and plan to destroy him.
Saturday—Dan. 6:10-24. Daniel's deliverance in the lions' den.

The Topic

Daniel: the Lion-Hearted

Leader—Our lesson today is about a brave boy who was not afraid to stand up for the right, even when others tried to have him to do wrong. He was not afraid to stand up for God even when it meant that he might be put to death for doing so, for he was in a heathen country, surrounded by enemies and jealous companions.

Six Juniors are going to tell us the story of Daniel.

First Junior—Reads Daniel 2:1, 19, 31-33 and tells story.

Second Junior—Reads Daniel 4:1-17.

Third Junior—Daniel 4:18-27.

Fourth Junior—Daniel 5:1-17, 22-30.

Fifth Junior—Daniel 6:1-9.

Sixth Junior—Daniel 6:10-24.

Some Daniels of Later Times

Leader—Juniors today can be brave in many ways and lion-hearted just as Daniel was. In little ways, we often have to stand up and be brave when it is hard. Some of the Juniors will tell us of some Daniels of today, boys and girls who were brave, just in everyday things, and stood for the right.

Seventh Junior—John was angry. He had been playing marbles with the other boys for the championship of the street. If there was one thing he knew how to do it was to play marbles. And now he had won the championship, he had been happy, until the boys began to quarrel with him. They were all jealous and now they were trying to do everything they could against him. They would not play with him in the school yard, when something went wrong in the school room, they blamed it on him, and now they were trying to say he had cheated in the game, and did not win squarely. What should he do? Should he be angry with them and fight. And then he remembered that in Sunday School he had learned it was wrong to fight and he made up his mind he would be brave and not fight, but do the right thing and just go ahead and "play square" no matter what the rest said. And next week when they had the championship of all the schools of the city, the principal who

was in charge said to him, "John, the boys say you didn't play fair, but I was there, I know, and you did, and I hope you go into this big championship and win." And he did.

Eighth Junior—Harold sat on the curb watching the circus parade, but he didn't feel like looking at it. By his side was his little sister Mary. Last night he had been all excited about the circus. Father had promised him for a week that he might go, and he had anxiously looked for the stars, to be sure that it would not rain. He had been up bright and early this morning—in order to get ready. But when he came down stairs he found mother sick, not able to get up, and father said before leaving, "You will have to care for Mary today." That meant he didn't get to the circus. So he sat on the curb with his hands propped on his head, he didn't care about the old circus! Just then the lion cage went by. He looked at the three big lions pacing about. Then he thought of the lesson he had had in Junior League the week before—the story of Daniel and the lions. "I guess if Daniel could be brave, and stand up and pray to God even when it meant he would be thrown down into a cage of lions, I guess a fellow ought not to fuss about such a little thing as not getting to a circus. It oughtn't be hard to be brave above a little thing like that!" And taking Mary by the hand, he led her out to the front line where she could see better, and holding her up in his arms, so she would not miss anything, said, "Isn't this fine, Mary, it's almost as good as going to the circus, isn't it? And when we get home we're going to have lemonade and cake, and ice-cream, just the same as if we were there!"

Ninth Junior—George started out one bright Sunday morning for Sunday School. Outside the house he met some of the other boys. These boys did not go to Sunday School. "Sissy, sissy, he goes to Sunday School! Come on along with us, we're going to go out for a tramp in the country. Come on." George answered no, and then the boys continued—"Sissy, afraid to go, 'fraid cat. Goes to Junior League on Saturday, too. You can't play on our baseball team anymore. We won't have you. Bet you say your prayers and read a Bible, too, don't you. We don't want you on our team." If there was one thing George liked to do it was to play ball, and long tramps in the country. But better even than that he loved Junior League, and he knew that Sunday School was the place for him. And he was not afraid to say that he did say his prayers, and read the Bible. And he remembered about Daniel, how his companions tried to persuade him not to pray to his God, and how the king even tried to kill him. And so he stood up and told the boys why he went, and why he didn't play ball on Sunday, and they just laughed and ran away.

But a few weeks afterward, the Junior League teacher was surprised to see George come in and bring with him five other boys, and the next morning the same five boys were in Sunday School, too.

And some time later talking about it, one of them said, "Well, you can play baseball, and have good times, and all that, but you don't have to do it on Sunday, you can go to Sunday School then."

July 19, 1925

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES

(A Favorite Verse Meeting)

A VERSE FOR EACH DAY

(These verses to be memorized)

Monday—John 3:16.	Thursday—John 15:5.
Tuesday—Luke 10:27.	Friday—Matt. 5:8.
Wednesday—Gal. 6:2.	Saturday—Rev. 3:20.

THE TOPIC

(To be given by a number of Juniors, one acting as leader.) (Ask each child the week previous to come prepared with one verse as their favorite.)

Leader—Today we are going to talk about our favorite Bible verses. We all have our favorite books, our favorite toys, our favorite things to eat, our favorite companions, and so we also should have our favorite verses in the Bible, those which we have learned, and know the meaning, and which help us every day. If we read our Bible every day, we will be finding these verses, new ones from time to time, which we can learn and make our treasures all our life. Let us hear some of our favorite verses.

Second Junior—My favorite verse is John 3:16. "And God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life." I like this verse because it says so much. If all the other verses in the Bible were lost, and this one still was left, we would have the whole story of our salvation still left. God loved the world—He gave His son—and if we believe—we shall be saved. That is the whole message of the Gospel.

Leader—Yes, that verse is a precious one, and has been a favorite with many. Who has another verse that is *their* favorite?

Third Junior—I like the verse "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." This is found in Luke 10:27. It tells us how we should live. We must love God first, and then we must love our fellow people. We must be faithful to God even as Juniors by coming to His house,

serving Him in whatever way we can, and as Junior Leaguers we can be neighborly to the other boys and girls on our street, in the playground, and show them that loving and knowing about Jesus makes a difference.

Leader—Yes, that is a fine verse, too. Do you remember when Jesus spoke those words, He also told a story about who our neighbor was. Who is our neighbor? Anyone who needs us, isn't it? That is a fine verse. Who has another?

Fourth Junior—My favorite verse is "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," found in Galatians 6:2. We can all help to carry burdens. Even Juniors can help. Why at home, isn't it "bearing one another's burdens," when we help mother set the table, or play with baby sister, or run errands without grumbling?

Leader—Yes, we can all be burden bearers. That is a good verse to remember, and to have for our favorite verse, when we can help by doing something that we don't like to do. Who has another?

Fifth Junior—My favorite verse is "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," Matthew 5:8. This is one of the Beatitudes, which means the "Happy" verses. If we try to do as God wishes us to do, He promises we shall see Him. I like that verse.

Leader—That is a very fine verse, any of the "Blessed" verses are good to have as favorite verses. I wonder if we could all repeat those verses? (Have Juniors repeat Beatitudes.)

Sixth Junior—I have a favorite verse, too, it is one I think we all love to read, for it is the Christmas verse. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you this day in the city of David is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke tells us this verse in the second chapter, verses ten and eleven. I like to think of the little babe of Bethlehem coming on Christmas, and so my favorite verse is the Christmas story.

Seventh Junior—I like the Christmas story, too, but there is another verse I like even better. It is the Easter story. Without Easter, Christmas would not be very much. For even though Jesus Christ came on Christmas, if He had not died and then rose again on Easter Day for us, we could not be saved. So I like the Easter message, which St. Matthew tells us of—Chapter 28, verses, 5, 6 and 7. "And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead."

Leader—The Christmas and Easter verses are both fine verses. Does someone else have another favorite verse to tell us?

Eighth Junior—My verse is in Luke 2:49, and tells us what Jesus said when His mother found Him in the temple, when He was only a boy of twelve talking to the learned men there. He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" That is what He wants we Juniors to be, too, to be about our Father's business, helping Him in the church, perhaps some of us becoming ministers or missionaries or deaconesses. That is why I like that verse, it makes me think of what I can do for Him in His church when I get older.

Ninth Junior—I like the verse found in Galatians 3:11, for it is the verse which helped Martin Luther, the great founder of our church. "The just shall live by faith." When he went up the stairs at Rome, kneeling on each step, this verse occurred to him, and believing it, and knowing that faith in God only will save one, and not obedience to any man, he turned and walked down. I like that verse.

Leader—Yes, it is a verse, we should all know. We have time to talk about just one more verse. What other favorite verse is there?

Tenth Junior—The verse found in Zechariah, chapter 8, verse 5—"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." The prophet is talking about the new Jerusalem, and I like to think that in Heaven there is a place for the children, and that they will be there.

Leader—Let us all keep these favorite verses in our minds and hearts, memorize them and think of them every day.

Hints

At the close of the above topic have each Junior respond to roll call with his favorite verse.

Sing one verse of an appropriate hymn between each of the verses in the topic.

Memorize the verses given.

July 25, 1925

MUHLENBERG: THE HORSEBACK PREACHER

(Hero Story)

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

A Verse for Each Day

Monday—Ex. 3:1-10. God calls Moses to deliver Israel.
Tuesday—I Samuel 3:1-10. God calls Samuel and Samuel replies.
Wednesday—Matt. 10:5-7. Jesus sends His twelve disciples out to preach.
Thursday—Luke 10:1-2. Jesus sends out seventy to preach.
Friday—Acts 9:1-9. God calls Saul (Paul).
Saturday—Isa. 6:8. Does this mean me? Ask God to help find the answer.

The Topic

Hymn.
Prayer.

Scripture—2 Cor. 11:23-28.

Leader—What is the name of this church? Is it the only Lutheran church in this state? Do the preachers and members of these churches ever meet together? Do they all give to the same Foreign and Home Missions? To schools and colleges here, and to have new missions to tell people about Jesus? Now, how did this all happen to be? How did they come to get together and to call themselves "The United Lutheran Church in America"? Who lived in America first? Who found this great continent? Who were its first settlers? You learned the answers to these questions in school. Now tell me something about how the first Lutherans came.

First Junior—They all came over in ships. The early Lutherans were from Holland, and they were among the early settlers of New York. The Swedish Lutherans settled in Delaware, and where Philadelphia now stands. One of their early churches was part church and part fort, with openings in the walls through which an enemy might be driven away. These first churches had hard times to get Bibles, hymn books, catechisms, or even pastors. Each one had to look out for itself, and seemed friendless and helpless.

Leader—Who was Henry Melchior Muhlenberg?

Second Junior—In the Thirty Years' War the family of Muhlenberg in Germany lost its wealth and estates. So when our hero was born, it was in a poor home, and he had to make his own way in the world. He earned his way through college and decided that when he graduated he would be a missionary to China.

Third Junior—Since he could not teach the heathen till he reached China, Muhlenberg decided to begin on the heathen he could find in Goettingen. So he went out into the streets and made friends with some street-boys who did not care for the Sabbath because they did not know God. Two other college boys helped him. They rented a room and began with "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic," and stories from the Bible. Today, if you visit the place you will find the Goettingen Orphans' Home, which grew out of the work these college boys did for God and the street-boys.

Fourth Junior—Muhlenberg kept on getting ready for China. But God meant him to sail west instead of east, and so one day he was asked—"Will you go to the New World and look after the scattered Lutherans in Pennsylvania?" Muhlenberg prayed it over, and then sailed for America, becoming a sort of pastor of the passengers and crew on the one hundred and two days it took to cross the ocean. He landed at Charleston, South Carolina, and visited Ebenezer, a Lutheran settlement there. He had to wait six weeks for a rickety old sloop where he lay wet and sick for almost two months before they landed at Philadelphia.

Fifth Junior—Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania were said to be "full of people of no religion at all and of all religions and sects." Muhlenberg was nearly drowned trying to reach "The Swamp Church" where he preached the next Sunday. He bought a horse after that and started to travel. He preached here and there, going up and down the land through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and even further South.

Sixth Junior—He suffered much from preaching out of doors in winter. He had several falls from his horse on icy roads. He often forded streams, or broke through deep snows; once he went over a precipice, only saving himself by grasping some bushes. But his motto was "The Church Must Be Planted"—so he never gave up; whether sick or well, nothing turned him from his Home Missionary work.

Seventh Junior—What did he live on? Why, sometimes he received money—but he writes, "One man brings me a sausage, another a piece of meat. I get a chicken, a loaf of bread, some pigeons, eggs, tea and sugar, honey, apples—from as many people." By and by other preachers came to help him. He married, raised and educated seven children, who were all valuable Americans. The statue of his son, Peter, the Revolutionary general, is in the Rotunda of the Capitol at Washington. Frederick, his second son, was the first speaker of the House of Representatives.

Leader—But the monument to Henry Melchior Muhlenberg is not in any building or does it stand in any one spot. It is the many Lutheran churches of which he was the father and the whole Church of which we are a part today. On the tablet over his grave in the little churchyard of the church at Trappe, Pa., which church he founded, is inscribed these words: "Who and what he was, future generations will know without a stone." For God and for us he suffered and worked, and we should never forget him, but follow his example. Who knows, that perhaps in some of our Junior Leagues today, there may be a future Muhlenberg, some boy who will when he grows to man's estate, carry the Gospel to some new region and there "plant the Church," even as did Muhlenberg.

SHE DIDN'T DIE

Mrs. Naggly: "I suppose if I were to die to-morrow you'd marry some other woman immediately!"

Mr. Naggly: "Not right away. I'd take a rest first."

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

NEWS ITEMS

MILWAUKEE HOTELS

Wisconsin Hotel (convention headquarters), 172 Third street. Single rooms $2 to $2.50 without bath, $3 to $4 with bath; double rooms $3 to $4 without bath, $5 to $8 with bath.

Hotel Medford, 119 Third street. Single rooms $2.25 to $2.50 without bath, $2.50 to $3 with bath; double rooms $3.25 to $3.50 without bath; $3.50 to $4.50 with bath.

Plankington Hotel, West Water and Sycamore streets. Single rooms $2 to $2.50 without bath, $3 to $4 with bath; double rooms $4 without bath, $5 to $8 with bath.

Those wishing entertainment in private homes on the Harvard plan (lodging and breakfast $1) will communicate with Mr. August Moths, P. O. Box 37, D. Rt. 6, Station C, Milwaukee, Wis.

1925 LUTHERAN SUMMER SCHOOLS SCHEDULED

Summer schools are now under consideration by many of our people, an increasing number of whom annually attend these summer assemblies held in our various institutions and other centers. So far as these summer schools have been reported to us the following is the schedule of dates and places:

Midland College, Fremont, Neb., June 15 to 25.
Philadelphia, June 26 to July 3.
Waterloo, Ont., June 30 to July 3.
Laurel, Miss., July 20 to 23.
Greenville, Pa., July 25 to August 1.
Lakeside, Ohio, July 27 to August 2.
Rock River, Ill., July 27 to August 2.
Gettysburg, Pa., July 31 to August 7.
Newberry, S. C., August 10 to 19.
Hickory, N. C., August 19 to 26.
Susquehanna, Selinsgrove, Pa., August 18 to 27.
Hartwick Seminary, New York, August 24 to 28.

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NEW YORK

ST. PAUL'S, RICHMOND HILL.

The League on February 13 entertained the catechetical class, holding first a devotional meeting, and then a social, with a goodly number in attendance.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEW YORK STATE

Lets Hear From You!

Why do we Leagues wait until convention time to tell each other what we are doing? Think of it, only a two cent stamp and a few minutes of our time would bring from one League to another copies of convention plans and programs that have probably taken weeks and months to prepare. It has taken more than two months to prepare the one below for our last district convention. Send your programs to R. A. Wahl, 812 Cedar avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y., to help us in planning our next convention.

To the New Yorkers who might read this, we are also preparing for Hudson—preparing to retain the banner. Will see you there!

That Two Months Program

Afternoon session—Devotional Service; (1) Hymns, (2) Scripture Reading, (3) Prayer, (4) Topics—five 5-minute talks by Leaguers on League Topics, (5) Discussion of Five Questions, (6) Business, (7) Question Box—three questions on the fifteen points program by Leaguers.

Evening session—Dinner; (1) Songs and Stunts, (2) Address by Rev. J. Dimfl, of Dunkirk, (3) Rally Hymn, (4) Closing Hymn and Benediction.

LUTHER LEAGUE WORKING FOR ISLAND CO-OPERATION

A very active Luther League exists at Wagner College. Under the leadership of its president, Mr. Walter Huthman, it has suggested to the young people's societies of the Lutheran churches on Staten Island a district organization. The object is to bring the young people into contact with one another and to help to stimulate their loyalty to all the work of the Lutheran churches on the island, and especially in Wagner College. We are glad to note that the pastors are giving this movement their support, and trust that it will prove successful and helpful.

DEDICATION OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

The dedication of St. James Lutheran Church, the Rev. Raymond E. Finehout pastor, was held from March 29 to April 3. The dedicatory service was held Sunday, and an evening during the week given to each of the organizations. Friday was "Luther League Night," and a special program was rendered, with musical numbers, an address by Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, and another by the Rev. A. J. Traver, president of the New York State Luther League, and the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY HELD AT COLLEGE

On Sunday, March 29, the young people of seven Lutheran churches of Staten Island organized as a general body after an enthusiastic meeting in the college assembly room attended by 225 persons. Walter Huthman, president of the Wagner College Luther League, was chosen president of the new district league; Dan Loray, vice-president; the Misses Roesel and Johansen, secretaries, and Chr. Christensen, treasurer. Mr. Rodney T. Martinsen, of Brooklyn, addressed the meeting. All of the pastors, whose young people joined the district organization, were present.

GENESEE VALLEY.

This newly organized district with seven new Leagues organized in the city of Rochester, is pressing forward actively. At a dinner held in Trinity Church in March, 150 were present. The speakers were Mr. J. F. Dinkey and Mr. Wahl, of Niagara Falls. The spring convention was held on May 3 in the new Emmanuel Church, with the principal speaker a student from Columbia University. Plans are formulating for a large delegation to go to the State convention at Hudson, a special train being chartered.

PENNSYLVANIA

B. M. C. DISTRICT

The thirty-first annual convention of the Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties District Luther League was held on February 21, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Norristown, Pa.

The address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. Paul Z. Strodach, D.D., of Trinity, Norristown, who also directed the music. This was responded to by the Rev. C. M. Snyder, of Grace Church, Norristown. The morning session was devoted to business. The committees reported progress. Two new Leagues were admitted to the District, St. Mark's, Pennsburg, and St. John's, Spinnerstown, Pa. The annual Worker's Conference, and the Luther League Training Schools, held in the District, were discussed, and their continuance referred to the executive committee. A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. J. F. Fiedler, former secretary of the District, now of Peddapuram, India. An interesting report of the Pennsylvania State Convention was read by Miss Grace Kratz, of Telford. The extension committee was empowered to arrange for the visiting of all Leagues in the District, and is hereafter to be known as "the extension and visitation committee."

After the dinner, served by Trinity Leaguers, the Rev. N. F. Schmidt, of Schwenksville, delivered an after dinner speech on "Service."

The afternoon session was featured by three addresses. The Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., spoke on "The Work of the National Lutheran Council," and urged co-operation in the campaign for this work now before the Church.

The Rev. G. H. Bechtold, of the Inner Mission Bureau, spoke on the work of the Inner Mission, and made a special plea for the co-operation of the Leaguers in the work of visitations in the various institutions, and in aiding in the work of home-finding for little children, wards of the Bureau.

"Our Debt to the Ancient Church in Hymnology" was discussed by Mr. Walter N. Myers, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Weidemoyer, Sellersville, Pa.; first vice-president, Aaron Kinkbiner, Royersford, Pa.; second vice-president, Cecil King, Norristown, Pa.; secretary, Miss Eva M. Savacool, Perkasie, Pa.; corresponding secretary, Miss Charlotte Cressman, Quakertown, Pa.; treasurer, Wallace F. Wolf, Telford, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

The Philadelphia District Luther League held its annual Live Wire Dinner on February 16, in Trinity Church, Germantown. About 200 Leaguers attended. A devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Luther DeYoe, D.D.; the music was under the direction of the Rev. John Hassler. Greetings were extended by district, State and national officers; a Junior gave a recitation and several Intermediates contributed musical numbers. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. August Pohlman, D.D., of Philadelphia, who spoke on "Playing Hookey."

HARRISBURG DISTRICT

The seventh annual convention of the Harrisburg District Luther League was held on February 23, in Bethlehem Church, Harrisburg. The morning session was given over to business and reports of committees, and to an address, "God Calls to Youth," by the Rev. P. M. Kinports, of Hershey, Pa. The afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of the topic—"How Can We Respond to His Call?" Discussions on serving Him—in the local League, in the Congregation, in the District, in the Luther League at large, in the Church at large, and in the Community, were conducted by representatives from the various Leagues. "Serving Him as a Deaconess" was discussed by Sister Harriet Franklin, of Harrisburg, and an address, "The Life Service Program in the Local League," was delivered by William J. Jones, of York, Pa. A banquet was enjoyed at 6 o'clock, and the evening program, with special musical numbers, was featured by an address, "The Rewards of Service," by the Rev. Martin Luther Enders, D.D., of Baltimore, Md.

CONNELLSVILLE

Trinity Luther League held special services February 8 and 9. A devotional meeting, followed by the Vesper Service, attended by the League in a body, was held on Sunday evening. On Monday night a banquet under the auspices of the League was a feature. The speaker at all these events was Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary, Luther League of America.

NEW JERSEY

A meeting of the executive committee of the New Jersey League was recently held at Elizabeth. Plans for extension work and greater efficiency in the districts were made. Also some tentative plans for the State convention to be held next September at Asbury Park. Another executive meeting will be held in May.

President Dorr E. Fritts presented the Luther League work at the "demonstrations" of church work conducted by the Laymen's Movement at Jersey City and at New Haven, Conn.

The missionary project of the State League this year is the support of a protege in India. Mr. Charles Field, of Weehawken, is chairman of the finance committee, and will conduct a campaign for collecting funds for same.

New Jersey hopes to have a goodly representation at the National Luther League Convention at Milwaukee in July, and plans to not permit New York and Pennsylvania get too far ahead of her.

Luther League work in New Jersey is growing. Two new districts, Newark and Suffern, are in process of organization. Miss Irene Schaefer is arranging for a rally in the Suffern district. Rev. D. E. Fritts gave an address and helped organize a Luther League at Ramsey on March 15. February 22 a goodly crowd gathered for supper at Zion Church, Newark, Rev. M. F. Walz pastor. The district was organized and plans made to have a second rally in May in Elizabeth. The Rev. S. H. Rudisill and his Luther League will be hosts.

Zion League, Oldwick, has held two very successful covered dish suppers in connection with the regular monthly business-social meetings. Speeches, music, stunts and the business for the month constituted the program of the evening.

Sister Eleanor Frank, chairman of the Junior League work of New Jersey, has very successfully organized the Juniors. The pageant, "Luther's Coat of Arms," was given by twenty Juniors at the recent Newark district meeting. New Junior Leagues have recently been organized in Trenton and Elizabeth.

It is to be hoped that New Jersey may soon have a monthly "Bulletin" as do the New York and Pennsylvania Leagues, which gives inspiring news from each League regularly, and keeps the locals in touch with the State work.

ILLINOIS

Resolutions passed at annual convention of the Luther League of Chicago:

WHEREAS The year 1924 has, with the help of God, been one of the best years in the history of the Luther eLague of Chicago, and knowing that by continued prayer, and with the co-operation of all local Leagues the year 1925 can be even greater, *therefore be it resolved:*

1. That all Leagues lay greater stress on the devotional meetings of the League, using the Topics, THE REVIEW, The Lutheran and such other church literature as we have at our command.
2. That we again plan a joint rally with the Luther Leagues of the Augustana and the Norwegian Synods.
3. That a banquet be held in the fall.
4. That a boat excursion be held in the summer.
5. That 100 per cent. of our Leagues send delegates to the State and national conventions.
6. That our Leagues continue during the year to support the Maywood Receiving Home, the Nachusa Orphanage, the Rev. St. Clair Fund, and the extension fund of the Illinois League, to the fullest.
7. That we again publish a "directory" of Leagues.
8. That we have as our definite objective this year the awarding of a scholarship to the Chicago Lutheran Bible School, the amount of which would be about $250. And the contributing of $200 toward the salary of a student pastor to be called to the Chicago district. This money ($450) to be raised by each League contributing approximately $15 before July 1.
9. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to the pastor of Hope Church, the Hope Luther League, choir and others who helped to make this meeting a success. Also a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their good and faithful service.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE,
Minnie L. Peterson
Clarence Wieghart
Herman Gerasimos
Lillian Sandberg

PORTO RICO

The District Luther League of Porto Rico met in St. Peter's Church, Toa Baja, holding a two days' session with a full program. Everything was in Spanish. The various Leagues were all represented, and the delegates took an active part in the discussion. Representatives from thirteen Spanish Lutheran Churches attended, and the following officers were elected: President, Senor Guillermo Marrero; vice-president, Rev. G. K. Huff; secretary, Senorita Carmen Villarini; treasurer, Senor Salustiano Hernandez.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

KING'S HILL.

The Luther League at King's Hill, Virgin Islands, is a new League of thirty members, which needs encouragement. Sister Clara in writing about the League, says: "There should be a sponsor for this, our newest League in St. Croix. I wish some League in the States would be a Big Brother and send them a REVIEW and some Topics. This would help." Will one of our Leagues subscribe for the REVIEW and a number of the Topics for this League in our mission station?

LUTHER ON MARRIAGE

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people, many of whom imposed upon his all too-beneficent generosity. Had not his "Lord Katie" been gifted with remarkable executive ability, his hospitality would have needed considerable curbing. Few modern wives would have consented to include in the family two of Luther's nieces, and, at intervals, five nephews during their student life—not to speak of other students and visitors too numerous to mention who shared the bounties of Luther's table. If ever there was an open house where that untranslatable word, "Gemuthlichkeit," found free and full expression, it was in that home made famous by Luther's "Table Talk."

Luther's marriage and home life are an eloquent protest alike against the hasty and ill-advised marriages of our so-called "enlightened age" and the consequent unhappy state of affairs in countless homes where Christ has ceased to be a guest and where true love and loyalty no longer function. What would he have to say were he to read the divorce statistics of our day? What would he think of the progressive polygamy, secret and open, that is the outstanding crime and scandal of our times? In his later years he was depressed beyond measure because of the sensuality that prevailed among the young in Wittenberg. What groanings would he utter were he privileged to witness what is going on in our densely populated modern Sodoms? He would forget the errors of Rome on the subject of marriage were he to read modern novels and magazine articles, boldly and brazenly advocating free love.

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

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A. 7.—Reads pp. 10-13.

A. 8.—Reads pp. 13-17.

Leader—His other book is also God's Book—the Bible. He studies, teaches, illustrates the written Book by the growing book—beginning at Genesis, and leading his large class closer to the God who made him and saved him for His service.

A. 9.—Reads pp. 18-19.

Hymn—"A Charge To Keep I Have."

Leader—To the southeast of our land lie beautiful islands rich with tropical vegetation. The West Indians, as these people are called, are charges of our Church to lead out of ignorance and superstition to knowledge of God, His Word, and His Christ. To our missionaries in these islands may be given by God—any day—the chance to save for Him and for America some other George Carver from among the dark skinned people. Many of these West Indians come to New York on the ocean liners that travel northward. Shall they be lost to God and to our Lutheran Church.

A. 10.—No—for in the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City, by our gifts, prayers and care they are being gathered into a congregation that now numbers over 430 communicant members, with Sunday School and night classes, with young people's meetings, and mission study gatherings.

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